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June 13, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy,
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Dear Mr. Harper:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your telegram at this time of terrible sorrow.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Solomon^X Harper
303 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Enclosures (6/5 televised remarks on shooting;
6/10 remarks to commission)
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

ALL AMERICA OUR OVERSEAS ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMERCE

AGENCIES NO DOUBT WITH RELIGIOUS PEOPLE OTHERS AMERICANS BLACK

BROWN YELLOW AND WHITE DEPLORE AND DENOUNCE ASSASSINATIONS FOR

SAFETY DEFENSE OF AMERICA DESPITE PROVOCATION SUCH AS THAT ON DR

KING NEAR IF NOT OF EX-ATTORNEY GENERAL KENNEDY JAILING

OF DICK GREGORY AND NASTY PREDICTIONS OF WIDE SPREAD RIOTS

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WE ARE HOPING PROTECTION FOR ALL AND RIGHTS LAW TO
INCLUDING CANDIDATES ARMY AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT TO SEND
TROOPS TO PROTECT NEGROES OTHER MINORITIES HELP THEIR COMBINED
DEFENSE OF U.S.A. AGAINST ANY ENEMIES. THAT THIS LAND OF FREEDOM
FROM FEAR SHALL PREVAIL. NOT RELIGIOUS, RACE AND COLOR HATE:

TONIGHT MUST BE COOL EVERYWHERE EVERY DAY YEAR AROUND

³ (M. SOLOMON HARPER¹) MEMBER AAA SCIENCE FOR HARLEM PUBLIC
RELATIONS (303 WEST 125 ST²) NYC.

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GENERAL

FL3/Kennedy,
Robert 7,

June 13, 1968

Dear Mr. Kaiser:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your telegram at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Robert J. X Kaiser
200 East 71st Street
New York, New York

Enclosures (6/5 televised remarks on shooting;
6/10 remarks to commission)

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The White House
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

SIR:

I AM HORRIFIED BY THE SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT F KENNEDY IN LOS
ANGELES. WE CAN NOT LONGER TOLERATE THE MOLLY-CODDLING OF THE
CRIMINAL ELEMENT IN THIS COUNTRY. CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE MUST
BE HALTED AND THE POLICE GIVEN BROADER DISCRETIONARY POWERS
TO CURB AND CONTAIN VIOLENCE. WE WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT THE

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CIVIL RIGHTS OF CRIMINALS AND EXPRESS TOO LITTLE CONCERN
ABOUT THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF THEIR INNOCENT VICTIMS

(Mr. ROBERT J KAISER) (200 EAST 71 ST) NYC.

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

June 13, 1968

Dear Miss Carlton:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your telegram at this time of terrible sorrow.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life.

For many months the President has urged Congress to enact his Crime Control and Safe Streets proposals. Of immediate importance, you may want to read in full his remarks of June 5 and June 10 on combatting and inquiring into the causes of violence. The enclosed copies come to you with the President's appreciation for your interest.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Althea H. Carlton
435 East 77th Street
New York, New York

Enclosures (6/5 televised remarks on shooting;
6/10 remarks to commission)

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR SIR:

IS NOT THIS MOST RECENT AND ABOMINABLE ACT OF VIOLENCE

3 THE SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT F KENNEDY PROOF THAT THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN FAR TOO LENIENT WITH
THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT WITHIN THIS COUNTRY?

2 IS IT NOT ALSO PROOF THAT WE MUST FOCUS OUR ATTENTION

FORM 0905 PRINTED BY THE STANDARD REGISTER COMPANY, U. S. A.

ON THE PROBLEMS AT HOME RATHER THAN ON THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES?
HOW CAN WE POSSIBLY EXPECT THE PEOPLE OF OTHER NATIONS TO RESPECT
US AND WELCOME OUR HELP AND ADVICE WHEN WE ARE UNABLE TO MAINTAIN
PEACE AND ORDER IN OUR OWN COUNTRY?

(Miss ALTHEA H CARLTON) (435 EAST 77 ST) (NEWYORK NY.)

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GENERAL

FL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

June 13, 1968

Dear Mrs. Klindt:

The President mourns with the nation -- and with countless millions around the world -- the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

Our country will be forever indebted to men like your son and to the families who stand so steadfastly behind them. The President joins you in the prayer that we may soon see the peace and freedom for which the world so desperately yearns.

You and your family have the President's gratitude and warm good wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Mrs. Nellie Klindt
1406 Phelps Street
Sac City, Iowa 50583

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Sac City, Ga.
June 5-68.

Dear Mr Johnson.

Dear Sir.

I am writting a letter to you.
I was sitting watching T. V. and then I
seem Robert Kennedy, come on and talked to
the peoples about winning, and at 2 o'clock
this morning I thought he sure looked tired
and then I said to my self. I am afraid
Kennedy is going to get shot. it seemed
as if some thing told me so. and then
I shut the T. V. off. and then this morning
I heard it on T. V. He had got shot. I think
it is a bunch of men. and I think they
never got the man that shot John Kennedy,
or Martin Luther King. I feel they are
run loose. I believe in the Bible. I have
a son on a ship going to vietnam for 6
week. so I pray for him and his ~~men~~^{and}
that they get back home O.K. I dont
think this man that shot Robert Kennedy

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Dear Mr. Kennedy
I am writing a letter to you
I was sitting watching T.V. and there
I saw Robert Kennedy. I was not able to
the people about Vietnam, and at 5 o'clock
the morning I thought he was looking tired
and then I said to myself, I am surprised
Kennedy is going to get shot. I am
as if you think the man is, and then
I think the T.V. and then I was
I think it is T.V. he had got out of
it is a bunch of men and I think they
never get the man that shot John Kennedy
I remember seeing him in the Bible of
and I believe in the Bible of
I was on a ship going to Vietnam for
week. I was with him and his
that they got shot down. I think
that this man that shot Robert Kennedy

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isnt in this alone. I hope Mr Robert
Kennedy get better. But God working in
funny ways. my husband died 23 yrs
again this month. I sure wish this war
would end. I think we have to have faith
that God will help us through this year.
The way the world is going. may God keep
our sons safe and bring them home to us.
I pray for every ones sons. each person
should pray that peace will come to the
world. and that peoples will quite killing
each other. it isnt safe for any one.
I am sorry for the Kennedys family.
(ans soon) your friend

(1)

Mrs. Nellie Rhindt.

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1406 Phelps St.

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Sac City. ^{Iowa} Ia. 50583.

GENERAL

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JL3/Kennedy, Robert

June 13, 1968

Dear Private Fish:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter and to express his personal pride and gratitude for the contributions you and your comrades are making to freedom's cause in Viet-Nam. Our nation will be forever in your debt.

The President, too, was deeply saddened by the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. He mourns with the nation -- and with countless millions throughout the world -- in the loss of this talented leader. In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

You and Mrs. Fish have the President's warm best wishes, and the pledge of his continuing commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

PFC Laurence M. Fish
808 West Street
Wilksburg, Pennsylvania 15221

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GENERAL

JL3/ Kennedy,
Robert F.

June 13, 1968

Dear Boys and Girls:

President Johnson appreciated your thoughtfulness in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you and Mrs. Krauss his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Pupils of Mrs. Krauss*
Third Grade Class
Shore Road School
Bellmore, New York

Rhoda L.

Enclosure: Statement of President on the Shooting of
Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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Address to:

Pupils of Mrs. Krauss' Third Grade Class
Shore Road School
Bellmore, New York

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Dear Sir:

My third grade class felt that they wanted to do something to express their feelings about the death of Robert F. Kennedy, and some of them wanted to write to you as well as to the Kennedy family.

I believe that you may be interested in knowing how moved even children of this age can be in a situation of such proximity.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Rhoda L. Krauss
Shore Road School
Bellmore, New York.

2494 Waltera Ct.
Bellmore, New York
June 6, 1968

Dear President Johnson,

I hear you made a speech on June 5, 1968.
It was very heartbreaking to hear
Senator Robert F. Kennedy died.
I am glad I have a prayer to sing
for him.

I liked him very much and it
looked like he was going to be our
next president.

My whole family felt very bad.

I was hoping he would live but
he didn't.

He was in his middle age when he
died, but I liked him very much.

With my greatest regards

P.S Please write back
Very Truly yours Fred Cohen
Class p. B.L. Shore Road School.

2504 Park Pl.
Bellmore, N.Y.
June 6, 1968

Dear President Johnson,
I enjoyed your speech about
guns and Robert Kennedy. Also you
said a prayer but it didn't come
true. I am very sad Kennedy died.
I know your sad too. Please write
back.

Yours truly,
Heruy
Class P-B-L
Shore Road

2421 Surf Dr.
Belmore, New York
June 6, 1968

Dear Mr. Johnson

I think your speech
last night was needed
badly.

It was a very good
idea to pick people
to find out why people
shoot other people.

Sincerely Yours,
Robert Shapiro
Class P-BL
Short St. School

P.S. Please write back

2503 Williams Ct.
Bellmore, New York
June 6, 1968

Dear Pres. Johnson,
Your work is re-
sational. The speech
you made on Wed.
night was very good
and I hope it does
good.

Love,
Clen Cooper
Class P-BL
Shore Road School
P.S. Please write back.

2518 Legion Street
Bellmore, N.Y.
June 6th, 1968

Dear Pres. Johnson

The speech that you
~~made~~ was needed. After
the assassination of Senator
R. F. K. I felt very bad.
In some ways I still wish
you can be Pres.

Sincerely,
Pamela Josephs
P-B L
Shore Rd. School

GENERAL

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JL3/Kennedy, Robert

June 13, 1968

Dear Mrs. McRae:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Jack McRae
326 B East Fairview Avenue
Glendale, California 91207

Enclosure: (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate)

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June 13, 1968

GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

Dear Mr. Otero:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your telegram at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Modesto^X Otero, Jr.
3701 South Flagler Drive
West Palm Beach, Florida

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

IT IS WITH DEEPEST REGRET THAT THE NEWS OF THE ATTEMPTED
ASSASINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY COMES TO MY EARS IT ALSO MAKES
3 ME REFLECT THIS COUNTRY TOO GREAT FOR AN AGGRESSIVE FORCE TO
CONQUER NOW HAS THE MOST SERIOUS CRISIS IT HAS EVER FACED TO
OVERCOME. THIS CRISIS IS THAT OF AN INTERNAL AGGRESSION AND
2 LIKE INTERNAL HEMORRHAGE IT CANNOT LAST TOO LONG FOR IF IT

DOES DEATH TO THE COUNTRY IS INEVITABLE WHAT CAN YOU
DO TO STOP THIS

(^{MI}MODESTO OTERO, JR²) (3701 SOUTH FLAGLER DRIVE.)

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,
Robert J.
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Dear Mr. McClary:

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Robin L. X McClary
3411 Meadow Road
Hapeville, Georgia

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MR PRESIDENT: IN RESPONSE TO THE UNBELIEVABLE ATTEMPT ON
SENATOR KENNEDY'S LIFE THIS MORNING, I AM COMPELLED TO STATE
3 THE FOLLOWING. I FEEL THAT THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATIONS PERMISSIVE
APPROACH TO THE FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF STATE AND FEDERAL LAW BY
MINORITY SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION HAS IN A GREAT PART
2 CONTRIBUTED TO THIS CRIME AND MANY OTHERS, INCLUDING THE

KILLING OF DR MARTIN LUTHER KING, AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN
I CALL UPON YOU AS THE PRESIDENT OF OUR COUNTRY TO
RECOGNIZE THAT A NATION OF LAW AND ORDER CANNOT EXIST UNLESS
THOSE LAWS ARE ENFORCED IN A SWIFT AND SURE MANNER AND THAT ORDER IS
MAINTAINED. I IMPORE YOU TO TAKE POSITIVE STEPS TO END THIS PERIOD
OF LAWLESSNESS IN OUR HISTORY

³ (Mr. ROBIN L MCCLARY) ² (3411 MEADOW RD) ³ (HAPEVILLE GA.)

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 13, 1968

Dear Mr. Marshall:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your telegram. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Charles⁺ Marshall
371 Wadsworth
New York, New York

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR SIR, I WISH TO BRING A FACT TO YOU THAT THERE ARE 180
MILLION PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES AND THERE ARE 9 MILLION
PEOPLE IN NEW YORK CITY ALONE AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO STATE THAT
WHAT HAPPENED TO ONE OF OUR SENATORS WHO ARE ALL BUSY TRYING TO
PASS A LAW ABOUT GUNS FORGET IT. IT'S A LOT OF BALONEY I WANT YOU
TO GET ON THE FLOOR AS A SENATOR AND PASS A LAW THAT NO MAN THAT'S

WALKING ON THE FACE OF THIS EARTH HAS A RIGHT TO HURT INJURE OR
MALICE A SENATOR OF THE UNITED STATES THAT THE LAWS ARE SO GOOD
TODAY THAT THEY WOULD TAKE A PUNK LIKE THIS THAT THE FIRST WORDS
OUT OF HIS MOUTH HE WANTS HIS MOTHER AND HIS BROTHER PROTECTED AND HE
WANTS A LAWYER I DEMAND THAT YOU CHANGE THE LAW THAT ANYONE WHOMSOEVER
THAT HARMS A SENATOR OR A MAN IN OFFICE THAT THEY HAVE NO RIGHTS
WHATSOEVER AND SHOULD BE TREATED LIKE TRAITORS OF THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THEREFORE YOU SHOULD TREAT HIM LIKE

A PUNK

CHARLES MARSHALL (371 WADSWORTH) (NEW YORK CITY.)

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GENERAL

IL3/Kennedy, Robert F.
CM/Firearms

June 13, 1968

Dear Mr. Mace:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your telegram. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. William Mace⁺
13429 Moorpark Street
Sherman Oaks, California

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

A GUN ALONE DID NOT KILL ROBERT KENNEDY- THE BULLET DID. IMMEDIATELY
STOP THE SALE OF ALL AMMUNITION AS YOU WOULD A DANGEROUS DRUG.

³ (M. WILLIAM MACE) (13429 MOORPARK ST) (SHERMAN OAKS CALIF.)

GENERAL

*To National Day
of Mourning
JL 3 / Kennedy,
Robert F.*

June 13, 1968

Dear Miss Hoffman:

The President asked me to thank you and Miss Emily Waddell for your telegram. He was grateful to know of your concern at this time.

Enclosed is a copy of the President's Proclamation designating Sunday, June 9, as a day of national mourning.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

**Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President**

**Miss Beth Hoffman
7025 Irving Street
Pennsauken, New Jersey**

Enclosure: Rel. of 6/6/68, Death of RFK Proc.

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GENERAL

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JL3/Kennedy, Robt.F.

June 13, 1968

Dear Jane:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for your letter. It was thoughtful of you to write.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

Jane Green
117 Pocasset Road
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Enclosures: 6-6-68 R F K Death Remarks;
6-6-68 Gun Control Remarks;
6-7-68 Daniel Telegram

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robt. F.

June 13, 1968

Dear Mrs. Gaines:

President Johnson has received your letter and asked me to thank you for writing at this time of tragedy. He shares your view that the spiritual and moral climate of our country is of greatest importance.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Alberta L. Gaines
2418 East Longfellow Avenue
Spokane, Washington 99207

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C/S-2A Pro-Bible in Schools Spokane, Wash 99207
" Re: Nation to Prayer June 5-68

Dear President Johnson -

I have just heard
the news of the shooting
of Senator Robert Kennedy -

It is hard to believe
that our country has become such
a nest of vipers - !

As blind men groping
for a wall - we have laid
this condition on everyone
& everything but the

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simple fact that this
nation has "kicked" God
out of its ^{per}imeter —

Our children are no longer
taught respect for Country,
God, home, parents or property.

I believe we have all
failed — and I believe that
you — as the greatest President
this Country has ever had,
(in the expression of concern
for the poor —) can take
a firm & bold stand — in your
last days in office — in calling
this Country back to God
& Greatness & Peace.

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In # Chron 7:14 -

"If my people, which are called
by my name, shall Rumble
themselves, and pray, and
seek my face, and turn from
their wicked ways; then will
I hear from heaven, and will
forgive their sin, AND WILL
HEAL their land!"

Please President Johnson,
as President, as a father, as
a grandfather - as an American -
take a stand against violent,
Pornographic movies, T.V. programs
and return God to our schools and
Boys & girls - Call this
Nation to Prayer - (Twice

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You have asked this
of the people & there was
no proclamation in the
Papers, here, no notice taken
of your request - people
went on their merry way
in unconcern -)

I believe time is running
out for this country unless
you, as leader, take a speedy
& bold stand to lead us back
to God -

Everything else has been
tried & conditions worsen by
the hour - Let us seek God
FIRST and see everything else
fall into its rightful place -

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Thank you - for
"listening" - and may God
Guide you in these days
of darkness -

With Love and Prayers

(Mrs) Alberta L. Gaines

GENERAL

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GH 3/Kennedy

R.F.

June 13, 1968

Dear Miss Reed:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Sheila Reed
100 Van Cortlandt Park, South
Bronx, New York 10463

Enclosure: (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate)

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GENERAL

*JL 3/Kennedy,
Robert F.
LE/JL 3*

June 13, 1968

Dear Mrs. Fort:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and to thank you for writing at this tragic time. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Catherine A. Fort^x
940 Jeffrey Drive
Southampton, Pennsylvania

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Political comments on RFK
June 5, 1968

Dear President Johnson,

I hope that this letter will get to you on behalf of Robert Kennedy. It is my idea that it would be an honor to him, if he recovers, for you to cancel all politicking until he is able to decide if he wants to continue in the race, as it would make the people haters happy if he does so.

As to the gun law, all well and good, but like any-thing else, if someone is bent on some-thing bad, there is an illegal way of getting a gun.

There has to be love for each other. It is more hate in the heart that causes these things to happen, and to have hate is to be soulless and Godless.

God is Love & God is Good.

I hope Robert Kennedy is able to run
I hope he becomes President
I hope he helps with Gods,
help to bring peace and
love to all the people haters,
and politic haters.

So with your help to announce
these politics be stopped
until his recovery, would
show you have a love
heart of God.

Sincerely
Just my very own thoughts
Mrs Catherine A. Fort
940 Jeffrey Drive - Southampton, Pa.

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.
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June 13, 1968

Dear Mr. Bate:

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter to President Johnson, I wish to assure you that your views have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Rodney E. ^{*}Bate
56 Cully Lane
Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481

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56 Cully Lane
Wyckoff, N.J. 07481
June 6, 1968

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President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Re: Law and order and the death of
Senator Robert Kennedy.

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Dear Mr. President;

In this time when our country must now agonizingly appraise another terrible tragedy and ask itself "why?", I think it should be firmly pointed out that the people at the very highest levels of our federal government are in large measure responsible for "teaching" and fostering the lawlessness stalking our country.

High public officials, through their own behavior and activities, have implicitly taught many of those who look to them as models that it is alright to disregard, ignore or otherwise skirt the laws we set down to live by. I would like to give you a few examples:

- 1) The president adamantly pursues a policy of undeclared war that many of his most intelligent countrymen have labeled "illegal" and "immoral," without so much as even convening a proper body to rule on these questions.
- 2) The president and his Cabinet studiously ignore those instances where labor unions, pursuing their own selfish goals, have chosen to ignore laws that have frustrated them. No great cries of outrage concerning such lawlessness are heard from the White House, and the long-ago promised legislation to prevent crippling strikes is forgotten. These unlawful events are cynically overlooked, for the sake of political expediency!
- 3) Public statements from high Treasury officials regarding Balance-of-Payments problems, the growing silver shortage and the gold problems, if not illegal, have been, surely, a study in falsity, distortion and half-truths; as such, they lend themselves to a terribly unfortunate image of government morality.
- 4) In the aftermath of the great tragedy that has just occurred, we learn that our president has ordered Secret Service protection to all Presidential aspirants, a step he is not empowered by law to undertake. Now while it is true that most would agree that the intent was commendable, what is now to prevent the president to proceed with other acts that he is not lawfully empowered to deal with, some of which might not be generally regarded as good or desirable? Does not such behavior parallel the unjustified activities of many of today's students, who seem to think that as long as their own minds tell them they are pursuing a just and noble deed they may overlook the law?

There are innumerable other examples which would occur to anyone who reads a paper each day, but perhaps I have made my point: if you truly seek reasons for what appears to be a growing lawlessness and violence, look first upon the words and behavior of yourself and others high up in the Administration.

C: Messrs. Jenner, Hart, Hruska, Sincerely yours,
Eisenhower, Boggs,
McCulloch.

R. E. Bate
Rodney E. Bate

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June 13, 1968

GENERAL
JL 3/KENNEDY,
R.F.

Dear Miss Nose:

It was kind of you to write to the President and enclose a spiritual remembrance following the tragic events in Los Angeles. Your prayerful thought of the Kennedy family at this sad time is most gratifying.

With best wishes to you and your family,

Sincerely yours,

Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

Miss Vicky^XNose
6632 Grant
Mount Washington Station
Cincinnati, Ohio 45230

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Dear Sir: LBJ,

I written you before
and hope your feeling
fine which Bobby Kenn-
dy's just about to die
help save him by your
thoughtful prayers.
but as do otherwise
to the killer. Now think
what Ethel and the
children think on
a long string hanging
praying for their
father to live. My
family praying
as much as you
are. Johnson please
pray. money don't
buy a new "life".

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hope
we the operation, or
if he goes through
he be affected or
crazy if its best he die,
don't let him suffer.

Keep him Robert Kennedy
in you mind like
I in my mine.

Dear God,
Have mercy
on Robert
Amen!

Please write
back your thoughtful
note. Pray for him.

before From Vicki Rose
June 14th 2404 Concord St
Cincy Ohio 6

after 14: 6632 Grant
Cincinnati Ohio

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Mr. Wash.

P.S. Pray for
Robert Kennedy !!

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GENERAL

*TL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.*

June 13, 1968

Dear Mr. D'Amato:

Your telegram has been received and will be brought to President Johnson's attention at the earliest opportunity. Meanwhile, I want to thank you on his behalf for your interest in wiring at this time of tragedy.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Mr. Robert Vincent D'Amato
27877 Camp Plenty Road
Saugus, California

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

IN EXPRESSING MY SORROW OF THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF THE LAST TWO
DAYS OVER THE SHOOTING OF ROBERT F KENNEDY I FEEL THE NEED
3 TO EXPRESS THE NEED TO RECONSTRUCT THE AMERICAN SOCIETY TO
THE HIGHEST IDEALS AND MORALITY. IT IS WITH THIS IN MIND TO
HAVE EACH AMERICAN EXPRESS HIS OWN SORROW AND ALSO TO UNITE THIS
2 SORROW WITH ALL OF AMERICA THAT I SUGGEST TO YOU FOR AMERICA

THE FOLLOWING. IN MEMORIAM OF THE DEATH OF ROBERT F KENNEDY
AND TO INCLUDE THE MEMORY OF THE LATE PRESIDENT JOHN F KENNEDY,
MARTIN LUTHER KING AND MEDGAR EVERS, I ASK THAT EACH AMERICAN
REPRESENT THEIR SORROW WITH A LIGHTED CANDLE IN THEIR HOMES.
THAT THIS CANDLE CONTINUE TO BURN FOR THE PERIOD OF ONE YEAR
FOR THE MEMORY OF THESE MEN WHOSE LIVES WERE TAKEN BY VIOLENCE.
3 THAT THE LIGHT OF THIS CANDLE REPRESENT THE HOPE THE CONFIDENCE
AND THE UNDERSTANDING FOR ALL OF AMERICA TO LIVE AS ONE, STRIVE
AND WORK AS ONE, AND TO PRAY AS ONE NATION. IT IS UNFORTUNATE
2 BUT I FEEL THIS MAY BE FORGOTTEN IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME

BUT HOPE NOT

(Mr. ROBERT VINCENT D'AMATO)¹ 27877 CAMP PLENTY RD² (SAUGUS CALIF.)³

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

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June 13, 1968

Dear Mrs. Gray:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Helen^X Gray
X Unity Church of Christianity
4085 Camino Del Rio, South
San Diego, California 92120

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Expresses views for P's Comm on Violence

UNITY CHURCH OF CHRISTIANITY

4085 CAMINO DEL RIO, SOUTH

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92120

284-1112 ~ 297-2136



WENDELL H. MIXSON, Minister

June 6, 1968

Dear Mr. President:

My heart and prayers have gone out to you many times during the course of the years. We Americans have a way of thinking that our leaders must make decisions that are 100% right for everyone, and the service to your country that you have chosen, or that has been chosen for you, is certainly not always an easy one.

I do not know that my ideas have any real merit; I think of myself as an ordinary run of the mill citizen, busy about the business of raising a child, providing her with all the necessities and some of the luxuries, an active member of Christian communities, not to the ideal degree, but an attempt to be a Christian in my dealings with people I meet every day, and to seek to understand others and their problems, to help when I can either by economic, skill, or other means that seem to be needed at specific times.

It seems to me that if Senator Kennedy was assassinated by a young man who thought he was committing a "holy act" in the name of the Moslem-Arabs -- then our TV industry, and all statesmen of all countries must take a second look at what they contribute. When I recall the televised sessions of the UN meetings during that terrible short war in the Middle East last year, I remember how the Arab representatives used the UN as a podium to inflame, rather than to seek negotiation. I cannot be in complete accord with Israel -- for I have been in the Holy Land; but it seemed to me at that time, only Jordan was trying to move in a forward direction. That the others did not really want to solve anything except the extermination of an intruder to the desert lands, whose industry was requiring of all of them a new investment of themselves in their country in order to keep apace.

Also, as a single parent, I am becoming aware in ways I had not been before, at how much of even our wholesome entertainment is given a story line of children disobeying their parents, and everything comes out fine in the end. Our young immature minds, fed nothing else, not growing up with the idealistic literature of my own childhood, have grown up with a TV baby sitter telling them that the family life revolves around the teen-ager, rather than life revolves around the family, everyone working together for a goal of a better

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life for the family unit as a whole, and the community naturally benefits by this.

Now I am not a trained mind as those on your panel are; I have a certain skill that makes me a good secretary. I want to be a good citizen; I want to be able to accept my fellow citizens on a basis of personal merit, I want to share thoughts and ideas with them that help me to understand why they think and feel as they do. I want to work with them to create a better America.

I have often thought how strange it is, in this day when we have been made aware of the habits of years that brought about such degrading experiences for much of the humanity of our country, and we are trying to integrate more completely, we have at the same time become more segregated. Our young people have their own private world of music and dance, and clothing; it is the first time it seems to me that the youth have divided themselves so much apart from the community, as it were. When I was a teen-ager, we all shared the same popular music; for the most part the popular bands were our popular bands, too. When the family brought home a record, it had our stamp of approval, too. And at the other end of our generations, more and more of our senior citizens are moving apart, going into retirement centers. How much our young people, people my own age are going to miss if we don't continue to mingle and give one another the benefit of our experiences and vision.

I have not the wisdom to know what we need to do about Viet-Nam; I cannot believe any President of the United States willfully puts the lives of our young men on the line. I trust in your desire for the right answer; I believe in you and your advisers as having a knowledge of a far greater picture than the most of us. I know there is no simple answer to world affairs. Many times there is no simple answer to human relations between two people; multiplied by the complex society of the world community of which we are a part, on the whole I really do feel hopeful about the outcome. I think enough people everywhere care enough that we will make progress in a constructive way.

It does seem to me that we need to re-examine the basis of our government; perhaps what was a good Bill of Rights for 13 new colonies needs to be reframed for 50 States made up of peoples from all kinds of cultures. It always comes back to the fact that we are after all a unique country! Doesn't it.

As I say, I don't know whether these thoughts will have any merit for your Panel; they are just the things that come tumbling out of my mind this morning. I send them on their way to you, with my sincerest prayers for your well-being and your guidance.

Sincerely,

ms.  an American

GENERAL

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JL3/Kennedy
Robert F.

June 13, 1968

Dear Mr. Morley:

Your telegram has been received and will be brought to President Johnson's attention at the earliest opportunity. Meanwhile, I want to thank you on his behalf for your interest in wiring.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. John J. Morley
1445 East 58th Street
Brooklyn, New York

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GENERAL

mem/ JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.
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June 13, 1968

Dear Miss Rossi:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing at this time of tragedy. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Frances^X Rossi
Poste Restante
Perugia, Italy

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POSTE RESTANTE
Posto Restante
Perugia, Italy
June 7, 1968

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the U.S.A.
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

We were greatly shocked and hurt by this latest tragedy to strike our country. But on top of that, a new blow to us is the passing of the anti-crime bill by the House. It must be clear to you that it was signed in an atmosphere charged with emotion and that those who signed it may not have been in a fully responsible frame of mind.

Let us not be carried to further pitfalls by the mistakes that have already been made. Surely this bill is only seemingly an answer to the crime wave, and may, instead, actually

backfire and increase the crime it
seeks to combat.

In view of the fact that many
members of the House opposed the bill,
including the late Senator Kennedy
himself, please do not sign it.

Please give them a chance to reconsider.
Please consider the reasons of the
late Senator for opposing it,

I am neither in a position to argue
nor to use eloquent words. But I'm sure
that my reasons for opposing the bill,
based on those of the Senator and on
an article by Robert Diner in the New York
Herald-Tribune, are well known to you.
They are reasons shared by many other
people like me in this country who have
very little say in its government.

I will be hoping and praying for
God's guidance to you in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

Francesco Rossi

GENERAL

HL3/Kennedy, Robert F.
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June 13, 1968

Dear Miss White:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your telegram at this time of tragedy. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Anastasia M. White
1414 Somerville Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DUE TO MOST RECENT TRAGEDY IN KENNEDY FAMILY WHEN WILL OUR
BRILLIANT SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES AND YOU ALSO AS OUR
LEADER REALIZE THAT ALL THESE DISTURBANCES IN OUR COUNTRY
RIOTS SHOOTINGS AND VIOLENCE ARE COMMUNIST INSPIRED. I LEARNED
THIS WHEN I HEARD THE LATE GREAT HONORABLE CLARE GERALD FENERTY
OF PHILADELPHIA SPEAK ON THIS SUBJECT WHEN I WAS A LITTLE

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GIRL AND NOW I AM MANY MANY YEARS OLDER. THE COMMUNISTS
WANT TO HAVE ONE ELEMENT FIGHTING ANOTHER AND NEITHER KNOWS HOW IT
ALL STARTED. THAT IS WHEN THEY STEP IN. THE COMMUNIST
PARTY SHOULD BE OUTLAWED IN OUR COUNTRY

Miss ANASTASIA M WHITE (1414 SOMERVILLE AVE) PHILA.

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert
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June 13, 1968

Dear Mr. Williams:

President Johnson has received your letter enclosing the copy of the resolution adopted by your organization at this time of terrible sorrow. He appreciates your courtesy in bringing these expressions to his attention.

The support of your organization is very gratifying to the President.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. J. D. F. Williams
Conference Secretary-Treasurer
The Methodist Church
Central Texas Conference
Post Office Box 11309
Fort Worth, Texas 76109

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The Methodist Church

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE

J. D. F. WILLIAMS

Conference Secretary-Treasurer

Post Office Box 11309
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76109

June 7, 1968

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President Lyndon B. Johnson
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church in session at Fort Worth, Texas on June 4, 1968, adopted unanimously the enclosed resolution and directed me, as Secretary of the Conference, to send a copy of same to you.

The Conference adjourned before the death of Senator Kennedy occurred. If it had been in session, it would have expressed further sympathy and perhaps a rewording of the resolution.

Respectfully yours,

J. D. F. Williams

J. D. F. Williams

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A RESOLUTION
ADOPTED BY THE 103rd SESSION OF THE CENTRAL TEXAS UNITED METHODIST
ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEETING IN FORT WORTH, JUNE 3-5, 1968

We express our dismay and horror at the attempt on the life of one of our national leaders. We express our concern to the family of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. It is a tragedy that violence has so expressed itself in the midst of our people. Let it be known that this Conference expresses its repudiation of such unlawful methods and action.

Be it resolved-

That the ministerial and lay delegates of the Central Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in session at the Texas Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas, on June 5th go on record declaring.

1. Let it be known that we are against lawlessness in the streets, the wanton destruction of life and property, and every other type and kind of violence that endangers human life. Let there be no misunderstanding of our position at this point.

2. That we are for and do favor every effort made by the United Methodist Church in its effort to alleviate slum and ghetto experiences from every segment of society.

3. That we rededicate ourselves personally and as a church fellowship to God, to Jesus Christ and His way of life.

4. That our commitment to God may find expression in a deeper study of our faith and a more complete giving of ourselves to other persons who need recognition and a fair and equal chance to share in the best things of life.

By unanimous request of the Conference, that if any part of this resolution be used, all of it be included.

That copies be sent to the President of the United States, the family of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, the United States Senators from Texas, the press, and others involved in this tragedy.

---C. C. Sessions

GENERAL

DL3/Kennedy, Robert
FC 795

June 13, 1968

Dear Mr. Perkins:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your telegram and thank you for your telegram at this time of sorrow. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Richard Perkins
107 La Playa
Redondo Beach, California

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

SIR, AS A COLLEAGUE A TEACHER I APPRECIATE YOUR IMPASSIONED PLEA
FOR SOMETHING TO BE DONE BUT I DO NOT THINK A BLUE RIBBON
COMMITTEE IS NECESSARY YOU MIGHT MAKE A PLEA TO PARENTS TO BE
MORE INTERESTED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THEIR CHILDREN REGARDLESS
OF THEIR CHILDRENS AGES RESPECTFULLY

RICHARD PERKINS 107 LA PLAYA REDONDO BEACH CALIF.

GENERAL

FE3-1/Kennedy, Robert F.
JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 13, 1968

Dear Mr. Crawford:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your telegram to President Johnson.

The grief and affection for Senator Robert F. Kennedy which prompted your request are appreciated -- and shared -- by the President, the Nation, and countless millions around the world. The members of the Kennedy family, however, had the sad task of issuing invitations and making all arrangements for the funeral.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Roxi Crawford
8608 East 86
Cleveland, Ohio

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.
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June 13, 1968

Dear Mr. Lackey:

Because I handle the President's appointments, I have been asked to respond to your letter of June 5th in which you advised him you and Mrs. Lackey will be in Washington the latter part of the week of September 9th and would be pleased to meet him if it is possible.

The President very much appreciates your writing as you did and is grateful for your courtesy and that of your wife in asking to call on him. He is sincerely sorry he must have me tell you he will be unable to see you. As much as the President would like to be able to undertake appointments of this nature, the heavy schedule he constantly maintains just does not give him the opportunity to do so.

With the President's best wishes and, again, an expression of his thanks for your letter,

Sincerely,

James R. Jones
Special Assistant
to the President

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Mr. Davis B. Lackey
109 Yucca Drive
Rossville, Georgia 30741

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Comments
Re: RFK shooting

Davis Boyd Lackey
109 Yucca Drive
Rossville, Ga.
5 June 1968

The President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Today I have been keenly interested in the reactions and comments of the people of these United States after the shocking events of the shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy in California. I have heard people ask: "what has happened to our beloved country?". I have heard laws proposed to solve our problems. I have heard people ask: "what are we to do in this time of crisis in which we live?"

I have become greatly alarmed over the events taking place in our Nation, and I feel it my duty to speak, and that is why I am writing this letter.

The answer to our problems in this Nation of strife is found in a turning back to God. The Bible says: "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." (Proverbs 14:34)

Mr. President, your job is to remind the people of the world of the principles that America was founded upon, and to call upon the Christian people of these United States to obey God in what He says in II Chronicles 7:14--"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land." Men cannot have peace with one another until first they have found peace with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

Mr. President, my wife and I pray daily for you, because we know that you carry a heavy responsibility upon your shoulders. The pastor of our church and the congregation prays for you.

I would deem it a great pleasure and privilege to meet you on my way back through Washington from New York on the week of September 9-14. I will be in Washington the latter part of that week.

Respectfully yours,
Davis B. Lackey
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Davis Boyd Lackey
109 Yucca Drive
Knoxville, Ga.
5 June 1968

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Washington, D.C.

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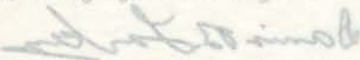
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Davis B. Lackey

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June 13, 1968

JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

Dear Mr. Hastings:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your telegram at this time of terrible sorrow.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life.

For many months the President has urged Congress to enact his Crime Control and Safe Streets proposals. Of immediate importance, you may want to read in full his remarks of June 5 and June 10 on combatting and inquiring into the causes of violence. The enclosed copies come to you with the President's appreciation for your interest.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Robert C. Hastings
591 Harvard Avenue
Palo Alto, California

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR MR PRESIDENT LIKE YOU AND ALL REAL AMERICAN CITIZENS

AM TOO SHOCKED BY THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT

KENNEDY WHAT CAN WE DO TO IMMEDIATELY RESTORE THE RESPECT FOR LAW

AND ORDER BY THE FEW THAT APPARENTLY WISH TO DAMAGE OR EVEN

DESTROY OUR GREAT COUNTRY I REFER TO FOREIGN DISSENTERS

ASSASSINS CRIMINALS AND CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE ON OUR CAMPUSES AND IN OUR

CITIES I AS WELL AS ALL OTHER AMERICANS DEMAND A STOP TO ALL
LAWLESSNESS AND DISORDER IN OUR NATION WE BACK YOU AND THE
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES ONE HUNDRED PERCENT RESPECTFULLY

(ROBERT COURTLANDT HASTINGS) (591 HARVARD AVE.)

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Ms

June 13, 1968

GENERAL

JL3 / Kennedy,
Robert F.
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Dear Mr. Cavano:

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Charles ^XCavano
17743 Edgewater Drive
Cleveland, Ohio

Enclosures

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Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR MR PRESIDENT I AM A COMMITTEEMAN OF OUR DEMOCRATIC PARTY
THE SHOOTING OF SENATOR KENNEDY IS TRAGIC AS WE ALL KNOW MR
³ PRESIDENT YOU HAVE SERVED OUR GREAT COUNTRY FOR MANY YEARS IN
A HIGHLY COMMENDABLE WAY AND AS PRESIDENT YOU NOT ONLY BRAVED
PERSONAL ILLNESS BUT CONTINUE TO ACT IN THE VERY BEST INTERESTS
² OF THE NATION. IF ANYTHING CAN BE DONE TO STOP THE LAWLESSNESS

KILLINGS CRIMES AND THE LIKE ON OUR STREETS NOW WOULD BE THE
TIME TO TAKE A FIRM STAND AND GET REAL MAD ABOUT IT WHEN YOU
TALK TO THE PEOPLE AGAIN

(*Mr.* CHARLES CAVANO)²(17743 EDGEWATER DR.)

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GENERAL

JL3 / Kennedy,
Robert F.

June 13, 1968

Dear Miss Thompson:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your telegram at this time of terrible sorrow.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life.

For many months the President has urged Congress to enact his Crime Control and Safe Streets proposals. Of immediate importance, you may want to read in full his remarks of June 5 and June 10 on combatting and inquiring into the causes of violence. The enclosed copies come to you with the President's appreciation for your interest.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Fern D. Thompson
Post Office Box 415
El Cerrito, California

Enclosures (6/5 televised remarks on shooting;
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR MR PRESIDENT I FEEL VERY URGED TO EXPRESS MYSELF OF THIS
SHOOTING OF BOBBY KENNEDY IT'S TIME WE GET OUR LAWS OF THE
3 GOLD RUSH DAYS BACK OR GIVE OUR POLICEMEN AN ALL OUT FORCE
WITH GUNS WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN DENIED PLEASE REALIZE I
AM 65 YEARS OLD AND NOT A CHILD IF YOU FEEL THE SAME URGE
2 FOLLOW YOUR FEELINGS AS I HAVE AND NOW

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(Miss) FERN D THOMPSON (PO BOX 415) (EL CERRITO CALIF.)

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GENERAL

*JL 3/Kennedy,
Robert F.*

June 13, 1968

Dear Miss Mandell:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Miss Judy Mandell
X New Jersey Diagnostic Center
Menlo Park
Edison, New Jersey 08837

Enclosure: (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate)

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Dear Judy: SH-67

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~~4/17~~ June 5, 1968

Dear Mr President,

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I am writing to tell you how concerned I am about Senator R. Kennedy. I don't quite know how to express myself. How can people go around killing each other for a game, to me politics is a game of winning and losing. Why do people hate everyone so much that they kill? I pray that Senator R. Kennedy lives and ~~he~~ takes position of president.

I think you have done
a good job so far. There's
not much you can do
in a world that is
hungry for war, killing,
& blood.

Please answer this
letter yourself.

~~Love~~ your truly

Judy
Handell

(for address, see front of env.)

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GENERAL

JH 3/Kennedy,
Rt. H. F.

June 13, 1968

PL/McCarthy, E/PPC-~~1~~

Dear Mrs. Leekley:

Thank you for your letter to President Johnson during this time of terrible sorrow. Your interest in letting him know where you stand is appreciated.

The President has made his own position clear in his address to the nation of March 31 and his news conference on May 3. He hopes for your understanding as he devotes his efforts toward progress through a united purpose in America -- and toward lasting peace in the world.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

x
Mrs. Anne Leekley
819 Third Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

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819 Third Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103
June 7, 1968

President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington D.C.

Dear President Johnson:

Your recent statements in acknowledgment of the selfless dedication to our country of the late Senator Kennedy and your declaration of Sunday, June 9 as a national day of mourning are a tribute to you personally and as President.

It is my hope that your decision to remain outside the contest for Presidential nomination by the Democratic Party will include your not endorsing any one candidate for that nomination. I myself support Senator McCarthy and would like to see him win the nomination on the basis of his stand on issues facing the American public.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Anne Leekley

Mrs. Anne Leekley

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GENERAL

JFK/Kennedy,
List 4.

June 13, 1968

Dear Monsignor Cline:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked me that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

The Right Reverend Monsignor
James B. Cline
Superintendent of Schools
x Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California

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A-383 ... in writing at the time of tragedy ...
enc: 6/5 statement re Senator Kennedy

Dear Monsignor Cline:

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The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR THE MAGNIFICENT PLEA YOU MADE TO OUR
NATION TONIGHT I BEG GOD TO SUSTAIN YOU IN THE BURDENS YOU
BEAR AND TO STRENGTHEN YOU AS YOU CONTINUE TO LEAD US
THROUGH THESE DARK AND AWESOME DAYS. YOU HAVE MY HEART AND
POOR PRAYERS AS YOU MANFULLY FULFILL THE TASKS YOU HAVE SO
GENEROUSLY SHOULDERED

(Sh. Key)
MONSIGNOR JAMES B CLINE (SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS)
(CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES)
(1531 West Ninth Street) 4

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,
Capt. G

June 13, 1968

Dear Mr. Artz:

President Johnson asked me to thank you and Mr. H. Myron Kauffman for your telegram. Your support and kind personal sentiments mean much to him and he appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Rhodes M. Artz⁺
Chairman, Board of Directors
The Virginia Convention of Christian
Churches (Disciples of Christ)
2200 Monument Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23220

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VIRGINIA CONVENTION OF CHRISTIAN
CHURCHES (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN ITS MEETING TODAY, EXPRESSES
TO YOU OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SERVICE TO GOD AND THIS COUNTRY
IN THESE DAYS WHEN THE BURDEN OF YOUR OFFICE IS SO VERY HEAVY.
MAY THE STRENGTH OF GOD WHICH IS BEYOND OUR HUMAN UNDERSTANDING
BE YOUR STRENGTH AT THIS CRITICAL PERIOD OF OUR COUNTRY'S

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RHODES M ARTZ CHAIRMAN H MYRON KAUFFMAN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
2200 MONUMENT AVE RICHMOND VIRGINIA.

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.
PR2/ST32

June 13, 1968

Dear Boys and Girls:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letters at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Pupils of Mrs. Bruggers' Fifth Grade Class
x Central Avenue Elementary School
108 East Central Avenue
Pearl River, New York 10965

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Address to:

Pupils of Mrs. Bruggers's Fifth Grade Class
~~Pearl~~ Central Avenue Elementary School
108 East Central Avenue
Pearl River, New York 10965

SH-67... letters (6) letters, REC'D JUN 8 '68
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for your interest. (omit rest of para.)

Hean Farsetta
Central Ave School
Pearl River New York
June 6, 1968

The President of the United States
Mr. Lyndon Johnson
The White House
Washington

Dear Mr. Johnson
In one of Senator Kennedy's speeches
he said any can buy guns. I feel that
it is wrong to have a gun because
in the past four people were
murdered by a gun. The people were
Dr. King, President Kennedy, Senator
Kennedy. If people couldn't get guns
at all these murders wouldn't happen.

Your Truly
Hean Farsetta

Victor Hill
Central Ave School
Central Ave
Pearl River N.Y.
June 6 1968

President of the United States
The White House
Washington D.C.

Dear President Johnson

After Robert Kennedy
was assassinated I thought
about the different people
that were assassinated in
the past four years. John F. Ken-
nedy, Dr. Martin Luther King,
Robert Kennedy and many others.

I thought how easy
it would be to buy a gun.
There ought to be a law passed
against buying guns without
a physical and mental test.

Yours Respectively

Victor R. Hill

6/6/68
Central Avenue School
Central Avenue
Pearl River, New York

The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Johnson;

My class mates, my teacher, and I are deeply concerned about the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy. It was horrible.

In the past, three years there has been 3 assassinations. People are using guns against people that they dislike, and this isn't the way to live a nice peaceful life. Guns are giving teenagers bad impressions.

I was thinking what the world would come to in a few years and I hate to think of it.

Our fifth grade class was talking about the unhappiness guns bring to us.

I would like to know if you can do something about the violence by organizing some —

rules for guns

Please make this a better country to live in.

Thank you,

Yours, truly,
Steve Tambone

Patty Hermann
Central Ave School
Central Avenue
Pearl River, N.Y.

President Lyndon Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Johnson,

I think that we should not let any people use guns except for the police. We should have a rule not to let people just to be able to walk into a store and buy any sort of a gun.

We should have a rule that a person could buy a gun only if they have no police records and are in good health. They should get a special number, so every month they come back with the gun, let the man check it over, see if they got a police record, and to see if they are in good health.

I hope you can do something so that a law will be passed. Thank You.

Patty Hermann.

June 6, 1968
Cindy Smith
Central Ave. School
Central Avenue.
Pearl River N.Y

President of the United States, Lyndon Johnson
The White House
Washington D.C

Today our class has been talking about the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin L. King and Robert F. Kennedy and about how they were killed. They were all killed by guns. The problem is why these people should have guns in the first place. They think these guns are toys. I think every single city should have a law against having a gun. Thank you very much

for reading this letter.

Respectfully yours,

Cindy Smith

Mrs. Bruggers 5th grade
Central Avenue School
E. Central Avenue
Pearl River N.Y.

Dear President Johnson,

Enclosed please find letters
about the gun control law written
by the students of Mrs. Bruggers's
fifth grade in Pearl River, New York.

Respectfully yours,

Joanne Goldsmith
(class president)
Sean Kane
(class vice-president)

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June 13, 1968

GENERAL
JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.
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Gentlemen:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for your telegram. He appreciated your thoughtfulness in telling him of the services held by your organization in tribute to Senator Robert F. Kennedy and the Ukrainian and Ukrainian-American war veterans.

As the President has said:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X Coordinating Committee of New York
X Ukrainian and Ukrainian-American veterans
140-142 2nd Avenue
Astoria, New York

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

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ROBERT F KENNEDY. WE PAID FINAL TRIBUTE TO THE SENATOR HIS
LOSS WILL BE DEEPLY FELT BY UKRANIAN AND UKRAINIAN AMERICAN
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JL3/Kennedy

Robert G.

4972 West 15th Street

Indianapolis, Indiana 46224

June 13, 1968

President Lyndon B. Johnson
United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

(May I again commend you for representing all of us so magnificently at this time of crisis. Your presence at the funeral, your solicitude for the grief-stricken family, your bearing, gave us all dignity in disaster.

Years as President have been difficult ones, yet, I believe history will recognize your great accomplishments, your great courage, and your great respect for the office you hold.

I would like to say now, "Thank you, Mr. President."

Sincerely yours,

Betty W. Werthman

Mc/BH
June 13, 1968

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GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

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Dear Robert:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness
in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments,
and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and
best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Robert Thomas
Route 2
Marietta, Ohio 45750

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Dear Mr. Johnson

How are you I'm fine.

I am very sorry to hear about Bobby Kennedy getting shot, and I am very sorry about him dying and I hope justice comes to the man who killed him. Mr. Johnson I have some opinion about this world and I hope you hear me out because I have some thing to tell you that you might not understand so read this one is I think that if you stop the bombing in Vietnam. The ^{North} ~~Vietnam~~ will have a chance to bombing us, and do a lot of damage. I wish that I could come to Washington and talk to you because I have a lot of thing to tell you about my ideas so do you think I could come to Washington as will you be busy. But I hope I can see you and talk to you. So How see you later I hope

Yours sincerely

Robert Thomas

Rt #2, Marietta, Ohio
#45750

P.S. I hope you will write me to tell me if its alright to come to Washington and talk to you very soon.

P.S. You call me at 373-5856

GENERAL

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June 13, 1968

JL3/Kennedy, Robt. F.

Dear Mr. Cohen:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you and those who joined with you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. James E. Cohen
Glen Oaks Village Vogue, Inc.
256-17 Union Turnpike
Glen Oaks, New York 11004

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.
PR2/ST38

June 13, 1968

Dear Boys and Girls:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letters at this time of terrible ~~terro~~orrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

With the President's best wishes to you and Miss Wagner,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

margaret M.
Pupils of Miss Wagner's First Grade
x Pine Road School
Post Office Box 8
Huntington Valley, Pennsylvania 19006

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0-1 (C... Miss Wagner,)

Pine Road School

P.O. Box 8

Huntingdon Valley

Pennsylvania, 19006

Encl:

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Dear Mr. President,

The enclosed letters were written by members of my first grade class during seat work time the morning Senator Kennedy was shot. The children came in that morning visibly shaken by the news. The idea of writing to you came from the children during this discussion. We cancelled seat work and all I provided was the time for this project.

I took the liberty of sending the originals to our local newspaper, The Evening Bulletin and the copies to you. I wanted the paper to see that I had corrected for spelling, the thoughts were the children's.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret M. Wagner

1st Grade Teacher

Pine Road School

June 5, 1968

Dear President Johnson,

I think you should make a rule that you can't buy guns wright out of the store. because too many people have been shot with guns

and put up signs. It should say guns are not allawed in this part of the country.

Carol Martin

June 6, 1968

Dear President Johnson,

Why don't you put signs up that say NO GUNS, then the good men won't get killed like Martin Luther king and Robert Kennedy. There is a song that I learned in singing class it goes like this,

There's a picture on my penny of a man we all should know. Mr Lincoln's on my penny he lived so long ago. All men are equal let them be free These are the words Mr Lincoln says to me. There a picture on my

penny of a man we all should know
we surely won't for get him
though he lived so long ago.

Your Friends,

Christina Bothwell

June 67 1968

Dear president Johnson

I think we should make a
rule No Guns becos there
are too many people were
shot They shouldn't have that
many guns Only policemen
should have guns There are
so many people that were shot
you friend

Karen Meyers

June 6, 1968

Dear President

I think that
there should be
no such thing as
guns. I hope that
you come out safely,

safely. you friend

Lyhn Sarajian

June 5, 1968

Dear president Johnson,

Please make a

law For using guns,

because alot of our

good people are getting

Shot

Love,

Alyson Kasanjian

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GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 13, 1968

Dear Miss Johnson:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your telegram and thank you for your telegram at this time of sorrow. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Ethel Johnson⁺
467 Peshine Avenue
Newark, New Jersey

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MR PRESIDENT: YOU I RESPECT AND ADMIRE NOT ONLY AS A PUBLIC
OFFICIAL BUT ALSO AS A MAN BUT I CANNOT CONDONE YOUR VIEWS OF
THE MANY DISASTROUS EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW MONTHS I AM APPALLED
TO THINK THAT YOU WOULD PRESENT SUCH A SPEECH TO THE AMERICAN
PUBLIC IN THE CAPACITY IN WHICH YOU HAVE TO OFFER SUCH AN APATHETIC
SPEECH WHEN IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A PROFOUND SPEECH OF DETERMINATION

TO ERRADICATE "THE CAUSE AND REASONS THAT INSPIRE SUCH AN ACT
OF VIOLENCE" A SPEECH THAT WOULD MOVE THE PUBLIC TO PROMPT
CONGRESS TO MEANINGFUL LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PUT AN END TO
VIOLENT SSAULT ON PERSONS WHO ADVOCATE DEMOCRATIC IDEAS

MISS ETHEL JOHNSON 467 PESHINE AVE NEWARK NJER.

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GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy, Robt. F.

June 13, 1968

Dear Mr. Gorsuch:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your telegram and thank you for your telegram at this time of sorrow. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. M. J. ^xGorsuch
12015 Clearglen
Whittier, California

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of course. Love - -

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR TV ADDRESS JUNE 5 AND YOUR APPOINTMENT
OF A BOARD OF EXPERTS TO ANALYZE THE PROBLEM OF RECENT CIVIL
DISORDERS AND THE ASSASSINATION OF PROMINENT FIGURES AND ALTHO
I AM NOT AS QUALIFIED AS YOUR ILLUSTRIOUS APPOINTEES I FEEL
I MUST EXPRESS MY OPINION. MY ANSWER TO THIS IS THE PRESENT
TREND OF OUR GOVERNMENT TO REMOVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE

INDIVIDUAL CITIZEN TO ILLUSTRATE ONE IF YOU HAVE ILLGITAMENT
CHILDREN A TAX SUPPORTED BODY WILL SUPPORT THEM. IF YOU DO
NOT PRODUCE YOUR FAIR SHARE OF PRODUCTS A TAX SUPPORTED BODY
WILL FEED YOU IF A GROUP OF PEOPLE GATHER IN PROTEST OF THEIR
SPECIAL INTEREST YOU WILL ALLOW THESE PRESSURE GROUPS TO DESTROY OTHER
CITIZENS PROPERTY AND SEND THEM REPLACEMENTS OF COMMODITIES
FROM A TAX SUPPORTED BODY THESE ARE A VERY FEW OF THE UNBALANCES
THAT HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING THESE CIVIL DISORDERS. MY RECOMMENDATION
FOR CORRECTION IS TO RETURN TO THE INDIVIDUAL CITIZEN HIS
RESPONSIBILITY OF HIS CITIZENSHIP

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GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy, Robert F.
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June 13, 1968

Dear Mr. Owsley:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing following his remarks on June 10.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Randolph ^XOwsley
16345 Reddington Drive
St. Petersburg, Florida

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

YOUR TALK TONIGHT WAS GOOD. DO SOME MORE LIKE THAT

RANDOLPH OWSLEY / 16345 REDDINGTON DR.

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.
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June 13, 1968

Dear Mr. Pickett:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your telegram at this time of terrible sorrow. It was good of you to let him have your suggestion, and you may be sure it has been carefully noted.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Gerald ⁺Pickett
135 21st Street
Beaumont, Texas

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

AFTER ANOTHER BURIAL OF ONE OF OUR OUTSTANDING LEADERS AND
LIKE MILLIONS OF AMERICANS OF TODAY WE ARE ALL SEARCHING FOR
A SLOGAN, ENACTMENT OF LAW OF TOGETHERNESS TO END VIOLENCE.
MY RECOMMENDATION IS SIMPLY THAT EVERY CITIZEN, ENTERPRISE,
CORPORATION, INSTITUTION, GOVERNMENT AND THE ENCOMPASS OF OUR
BEINGS SIMPLY PURCHASE AND DISPLAY OUR AMERICAN FLAG TO BE

PLACED AT THE ENTRY OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT TO SIGNIFY
THEIR BELIEF OF NON VIOLENCE AND UNITY FOR AMERICA TO CONTINUE
TO GROW FOR THE BENEFIT AND HUMANITY OF OUR NATION AS A WHOLE
I PERSONALLY FEEL THAT THIS CAN BE MERCHANDISED LIKE A PRODUCT
TO STOP AND MAKE OUR NATION'S PEOPLE REALIZE A BETTER GOAL FOR
US TO REACH

3 M. GERALD PICKETT (135 21ST ST) BEAUMONT TEX.

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GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 13, 1968

Dear Stephanie:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for your letter. It was thoughtful of you to send him the composition you composed in tribute to the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

Stephanie Odette^{*}
46 Downing Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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Stephanie Odette
46 Downing St.
Concord. N.H. 03301

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Dear Mr. President,
Enclosed is a composition
that I wrote myself, I wrote
this in school one day.
The contents of this
composition just came
to me, I didn't have
to think about what
I was going to write,
I just wrote it. I had
so many thoughts that
I just wrote them
down. I'm a student
that attends a jr.
high school in Concord,
I am 15 years of age.
I wrote this to express
my feelings for Sen.
Robert F. Kennedy. →

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Robert F. Kennedy meant
a lot to me, as he did
to many Americans. Please
read this composition.
Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Stephanie Odette.

A TRIBUTE TO ROBERT F. KENNEDY

He was a good man, as good as there ever will be. Please let his will stay and be part of us. He always held out a helping hand. All he ever wanted was this country to be brave, proud and free. He did not believe in violence. He said, "There are other ways, let's take the right way, let's win !" But, suddenly, someone stepped in and screened out his life, leaving him fighting a battle, a battle for his life.

His assassin blotted the light and took away all hope, fear and love - all in the same night.

Robert loved people and the people loved him. He wanted to see this nation of ours free, proud and looked upon by all. He made his decision without a moment's hesitation. He said, with determination, "Let there be peace, justice and love for all . . . " We can and we must be on better terms with all nations of the world, we must stay together.

Robert was a strong man, He served his country and stood fast like a man. He picked up the pieces and tried to put our country back together again. He was proud and determined; bounded by his wits, he never quit. He never halted, nor did he fall. He knew that life was a game, a game that you have to win.

Robert Kennedy put up a good fight, but he lost, he lost the most important battle of all - the battle for his life!

Let's never forget this great man and what he has done for our country.

Stephanie Odette

GENERAL

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JL 3/Kennedy, Robert

June 13, 1968

Dear Shirley:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for your note. It was thoughtful of you to send him the poems you composed in tribute to the late Senator Kennedy.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

Shirley West
2431 North Francisco
Chicago, Illinois 60648

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GENERAL

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QL3/Kennedy, Robert

June 13, 1968

Dear Mr. Harth:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Harold Harth
8345 South Perry
Chicago, Illinois

Enclosure, (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate)

June 13, 1968

GENERAL
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Dear Mrs. Mayhew:

JL 3/Kennedy, Robert F.

President Johnson has asked me to reply to your letter.

The President shares the deep concern of all those whose loved ones have been called upon to defend freedom -- and ultimately our own security -- in Viet-Nam. Asking young men to go into battle, in his words, "is the most agonizing and painful duty of my office." He wants you to know, however, that his prayers and his constant efforts are being directed toward an honorable settlement of this war and our servicemen's early return.

You have the President's deep gratitude and the pledge that no possible avenue for peace will go unexplored. He hopes for your understanding and support as we persevere toward that goal.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Charles Mayhew
4 Maple Street
Scarsdale, New York 10583

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.
JL3

June 12, 1968

Dear Jorge:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Perhaps the enclosed release will be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Jorge L. ^xMuriente
1066 Brook Avenue
Bronx, New York 10456

Enclosure: P's 6/6/68 Ltr to Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate.

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JORGE L. MURIENTE

1066 Brook ave.,
Bronx N.Y. 10456.
June 6, 1968.

Pres. L. B. Johnson.
The White House.
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

I want to tell you how sad I
am at the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

I am a fourth grade student at P.S.
132 Bronx. Today, in class, my teacher ask
the class, "What can be done to end the
violence in the U.S.A.?"

Here are our suggestions.

1. Stop the sale of guns and knives.
2. Stop showing violence on T.V.
3. Stop selling drugs to people.

5. Close the bars earlier.

6. Educate the people.

I hope that you will follow our suggestion I would appreciate a reply to my letter soon.

Yours truly
George Luis Muriente.

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GENERAL

JFK/Kennedy
Capt. F.
RD19/CS 312

June 12, 1968

Dear Mrs. Gimbel: *Elinor S.*

The President has asked me to thank you for your telegram suggesting a complete cessation of the bombing of North Vietnam.

The President wants you to know that he is committed to reducing the level of violence in Vietnam. The question is not whether to do it -- but how to do it. President Johnson has worked unceasingly for the past three years to bring the North Vietnamese leaders to the negotiating table. On March 31 of this year, the President stopped the bombing of most of North Vietnam in an effort to get peace talks started. For the first time Hanoi responded, and the result has been the meetings between the representatives of the United States and of North Vietnam in Paris.

But while the North Vietnamese have at long last agreed to sit down and talk, they have refused so far to show any restraint in their assault upon South Vietnam. On the contrary, Hanoi has insisted at Paris that the United States halt its bombing completely, without any reciprocal action on its own part. While the talks have gone on, the North Vietnamese have been pouring men and supplies through the panhandle of North Vietnam into South Vietnam at the highest level of the entire war. They have stepped up their attacks in many areas of South Vietnam, including extensive bombing of Saigon's civilian population. As a result, casualties have been unprecedentedly heavy among the American and allied forces, as well as the South Vietnamese civilian population since the beginning of the Paris talks. A complete cessation of air attacks against the panhandle of North Vietnam would simply result in even heavier friendly casualties.

At Paris Governor Harriman has made it clear to the North Vietnamese that we are ready to take further steps to reduce the violence if they are willing to show some kind of restraint. To date,

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Hanoi has rejected this offer. But you can be certain that we will continue our efforts to bring about a reduction in the level of military operations in Vietnam.

The President asked me to express his personal best wishes, and his appreciation for your sharing your thoughts with him. Your counsel is always welcome here.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) W. W. Rostow

W. W. Rostow

Mrs. Elinor S. Gimbel
163 East 78 Street
New York, New York 10021

~~W. W. Rostow~~ WFB:kes . 2

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

6/7/68

4 p.m.

M. Wright

For draft reply

for Rostow to sign

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June 7, 1968 - 12:55 p.m.

FOR BROMLEY SMITH

I think this may be better handled by your people.

Charles Maguire

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 5, 1968
Wednesday
5:00 p

MR. JONES: FYI

John Criswell called the following to
your attention by telephone:

"Mrs. Eleanor Gimbel of New York City,
who has been one of the very substantial
friends, has sent the President a telegram
concerning Vietnam which is off-base.

"She called me to be certain that the
President saw it which I am not sure is
necessary, but I would hope she would get
a speedy acknowledgement. "

Bill Hopkins office reports this telegram
has not arrived yet. When it does, it is
being red-tagged to me, and I will attach
this memo to it and send it to the proper
office for answering.

CAROL

Carol
g.

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The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR MR PRESIDENT: WITH GREAT RESPECT AND HUMILITY I WOULD LIKE
TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTION FOR ACTION ON THIS EXCEEDINGLY
SAD AND TORTUOUS DAY IN THE HOPE THAT IT MIGHT BE OF SOME HELP
TO YOU. BECAUSE OF THE TRAGIC AND CRUEL ACT WHICH HAS STRUCK
A NOBLE AND COURAGEOUS MAN OF OUR COUNTRY, AND IN ORDER
TO DEMONSTRATE ONCE AGAIN THAT NEITHER OUR BELOVED COUNTRY

FORM 0805 PRINTED BY THE STANDARD REGISTER COMPANY, U. S. A.

NOR THE INDIVIDUALS OF OUR LAND ARE CRUEL AND VIOLENT BY INTENT
OR NATURE, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU STOP THE BOMBING OF NORTH
VIETNAM COMPLETELY AND IMMEDIATELY. THIS MIGHT GIVE SOME
HELP AND FEELING OF SECURITY AND RESPECTABILITY TO THE CITIZENS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. IT WOULD DEMONSTRATE ONCE AGAIN
THAT YOU, MR PRESIDENT, ARE A MAN CUT OUT OF THE LARGE MOLD
OF HUMANITY, MAGNANIMITY AND HEART AND THAT YOUR EXAMPLE WILL
PUT THE WORLD ONCE AGAIN ON THE PATH OF JUDO-CHRISTIANITY
WHICH SIGNIFIES MERCY PEACE AND GOOD WILL TO ALL MANKIND.

ELINOR S GIMBEL 163 EAST 78 ST NEW YORK NY 10021.

GENERAL

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: The Secretary of State

Date: June 12, 1968

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☐ Draft reply for:
☐ President's signature.
☐ Undersigned's signature.
- ☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- ☐ Direct reply.
☐ Furnish information copy.
- ☐ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
☐ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- ☐ For your information.
- ☐ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

For translation and appropriate handling.

Description:

Letter: ☒ Telegram: ☐ Other: ☐
To: The President
From: Francisco Mendes, Presidente, Camara, Vereadores
Date: 6/11/68
Subject: In foreign language - readeath of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

By direction of the President:

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Whitney Shoemaker
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FRANCISCO MENDES PRESIDENTE CAMARA VEREADORES

GENERAL

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June 12, 1968

Dear Mr. Harmon:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Lindsey R. Harmon
6105 22nd Street, North
Arlington, Virginia 22205

Enclosure: (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate)

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June 12, 1968

Dear Senator:

I shall be more than happy to call Mr. *Or E.*

X Reynolds' letter to the President's
attention per our discussion of last
Saturday.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

Mike Manatos
Administrative Assistant
to the President

Honorable John L. X McClellan
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

June 11, 1968

Mr. Mike N. Manatos
Administrative Assistant
to the President
The White House Office
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mike:

I transmit herewith the letter to the President about which I spoke to you on the plane going up to New York last Saturday. Also attached is copy of Mr. Reynolds' letter to me of June 7th, which is self-explanatory.

Mr. Reynolds showed me a rough draft of the letter he has written the President and asked if I would favor him by trying to see that the letter was actually placed in the hands of the President. I agreed that I would try, although it was not to be implied that I necessarily endorsed all of the views he expressed or recommended adoption of his suggestions. He is a concerned citizen like millions of our people today and is anxious to make any contribution that he can to our distressing problems.

If, in your discretion, you feel it is proper to call the President's attention to this matter and have him send a reply to me to be delivered to Mr. Reynolds, I shall greatly appreciate it.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


John L. McClellan

Enclosures

JLM/jr

2134 LeRoy Place Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20008

June 7, 1968

The Honorable Senator McClellan
The United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

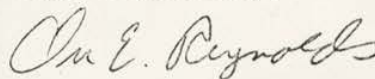
Dear Senator McClellan:

Enclosed herein is my letter to the President, which you did me the honor of discussing with me yesterday evening.

Although I recognize that your willingness to put this letter in the President's hands in no way implies your endorsement of its contents, your offer to assist me is a source of great encouragement to me.

In the interest of brevity, several points in extension of and argument for my proposal were omitted from the letter. I should of course, be honored to supplement the letter with further material or specific actions in any way that would promote the cause of order in our society. In particular, I feel your "anti-crime bill" is an essential ingredient to progress in this direction and I shall do anything I can to further its adoption or implementation.

Yours respectfully,



Orr E. Reynolds

Enclosure:
as stated

2134 LeRoy Place Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20008

June 7, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

My dear Mr. President:

In common with you and all other Americans, I am heartsick at the assassination of Senator Kennedy. Your statement given on the evening of June 5 put this tragedy in its proper perspective as an acute symptom of the disease of violence that is threatening the very basis of our society. Your words led to my conception of an additional plan by which you might reverse this destructive trend, and for which you have unique capacity. I propose that you establish an era of responsible citizenship and strict observance of the law for the remainder of your term as President, as a living memorial to those great Americans who have been sacrificed to the recent violent lawlessness.

My hypothesis is that the violent crimes with which we are increasingly confronted is the extreme component of a general disregard of adherence to law which has become socially acceptable and even "smart" in our society. At the lower end of this scale are such minor infractions of the law as the accepted practice of driving up to 10 miles per hour above the posted speed limit. A corollary of this idea is the fact that such a large portion of our local police forces are involved in keeping misdemeanors within reasonable bounds, that they are not available in sufficient number to deal with the prevention and prosecution of felonious criminal activity.

In this period of awareness, generated by Senator Kennedy's assassination, of the growth of lawlessness in our society, I believe most of our citizenry would respond to an appeal for self discipline in adherence to law. If this were successful it would at the least make crime more apparent and therefore easier to prevent and punish. At the best it would awaken our sense of personal responsibility to the maintenance of law and order which is required if we are to have a permanent cure of our present social ills.

My concrete proposal is this: that you personally appeal to every citizen to exercise strict self-discipline in adherence to all laws, even those looked upon as minor regulations and that each of us encourage his associates to a similiar self-discipline. As a necessary adjunct to this effort, I propose that you call upon local, state, and federal police forces to enforce strict adherence to all laws to curb those who do not respond to your appeal, and that you call upon the members of the judicial system to exercise their fullest discretionary powers in imposing penalties for minor as well as major infractions of the law. Both of these actions will be materially facilitated by provisions of the "omnibus crime bill" now passed by the Congress. The period of strict law observance proposed, to run from now until the end of your term as President, should be long enough to stop the momentum of the present trend and for the citizenry at large to see the benefits of lawful behavior.

It hopefully would convert the image of the law breaker from that of an adventurer to that of a pariah.

Your success in doing this will save our democracy from the most ignominious end possible -- collapse from internal weakness of moral responsibility.

Most respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Orr E. Reynolds". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a large initial "O".

Orr E. Reynolds

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GENERAL

FL3/Kennedy, Robert F.
SP 3-236/ST 43

June 12, 1968

Dear Mr. Rose:

The President mourns with the nation -- and
with countless millions around the world --
the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.
In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans
to join hands and walk together through
this dark night of common anguish into
a new dawn of healing unity."

The President is grateful for your thoughtfulness
and for your very kind personal sentiments. You
have his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Edwin L.^x Rose
Post Office Box 937
Garland, Texas 75040

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EDWIN L. ROSE
P. O. BOX 937
GARLAND, TEXAS 75040

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7 June, 1968

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6/12/68
My Dear Mr. President:

It is my radio has just come the deplorably
sad news of the untimely demise of the
Senator from New York

It Because of this unfortunate occurrence I
hasten to write you as an admiring
member of your loyal opposition. You
are the only member of your party for
whom I have voted for the presidency
in the entire course of a long life. It
appears to me that developments of the
last 48 hours have created a situation
in which you can and should alter
the position taken by you in renouncing
any purpose to undertake to fill another
term in your high office.

It Surveying the field I see no candidate
who offers the qualities of leadership,
objective outlook and high purpose
which you, yourself possess. As of Today

this country presents an image of chaotic divisiveness which only fearless, objective and purposeful leaderships can rectify. Among all visible candidates you offer these qualities to a superlative degree.

¶ In the present chaos, it is my firm belief that it is the duty of every thoughtful and loyal citizen to suppress considerations of personal interest and devote his utmost effort to the problems of reestablishing unity of thought, purpose and action of our fellow citizens, directed toward the creation of mutual respect and of common action in mutual helpfulness. We cannot offhandedly set aside our purpose and established determination to reach an honorable conclusion of our efforts in Vietnam, just because a minority of emotional citizens of immature intellectual development

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would pursue or precipitate peace regardless of price; nor can we justify abandonment of our binding commitments in other areas.

In my view you are the only person on the political horizon who presents the personal integrity, the comprehension and understanding of the problems which we face and the leadership and firmness to see the nation through its present period of peril. It appears to me that you are morally bound to make yourself available for nomination at the forthcoming Democratic Convention, that you can win the election and that having won can make gratifying headway toward setting our country on the right course with excellent prospect of bringing it out of chaos.

In a new Terminal undertaking you could serve with complete objectivity and thereby enhance the project for establishing

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national unity.

¶ While considerably beyond your age I have, this dismal morning, come to the firm conclusion that I must, henceforth and without delay, devote my efforts in pursuit of a course of personal commitment and sacrifice paralleling the one I here commend to you. I must devote my still very considerable abilities to the effort, which is the moral duty of every citizen, to work for a community of uninhibited and total mutual understanding and for an objective, unemotional comprehension of our national duties and of the need for purposeful action in the pursuit thereof.

¶ In closing, Mr. President, I repeat my expressions of admiration and respect and of confidence in your ability to lead us out of the present wilderness. I commend to your consideration the selfless action suggested above.

¶ In all sincerity I am

the Honorable Lyndon Baines Johnson
President of the United States of America
the White House
Washington, D.C.

Most Respectfully yours

E. Edwin L. Rore

GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert
JL3

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June 12, 1968

Dear Thomas:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Thomas J. Holz
1451 Taylor Avenue
New York, New York 10460

Enclosure

: (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the
Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate)
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Dear Thomas:

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WM

1451 Taylor Avenue
New York, New York 10460
June 6, 1968.

The President, Lyndon B. Johnson
Washington D.C.
Dear Mr. President,

I am very displeased about what happen to Bobby Kennedy. We are trying to stop the War in Vietnam, when we are fighting our own war in New York.

Many people are being killed. They are being killed because they are doing the good for their Country. John F. Kennedy was killed because he was trying to have peace for Vietnam. We have to build

up the nation again. We need God to help us. If we believe! We will get up and walk and not fall again. We are always talking about brotherhood. We must remain together to stop the killing of our people.

Most of all stop the killings of our President and other's great men. If we do not stop killing we will destroy our nation. We fought to earn it now we must keep together and stop this private war between our brothers and sisters, as our religion teaches us. I am a sixth grader and please try and stop the fighting.

over:

(1) Your very truly,
Thomas J. Holz.

P.S.

Let's us Pray for Peace

(2) 1451 Taylor Ave.

(3) New York, N.Y. 10460

GENERAL

TR 3/Kennedy

Robert F.

ND 19/CO 312/ND 9

June 12, 1968

Dear Linda:

The President mourns with the nation -- and with countless millions around the world -- the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

The President also is saddened that your family is one of those that has felt the heartaches of the struggle for freedom in Viet-Nam. America will be forever indebted to those who, like your cousin, have dedicated their strength, their hearts -- and their lives -- to the principles for which our Nation stands. President Johnson wants you to know, Linda, that his prayers and his constant efforts are being directed toward an honorable settlement of this war and our servicemen's early return. We all pray that the current talks in Paris will move us closer to that goal.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Linda Dickey
6190 Southeast 19th
Des Moines, Iowa 50320

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May, 6, 1968.

Dear Mr. President,

This is a sad moment for everyone because of Kennedy's death and I pray for Mrs Robert Kennedy so he can give her strength.

What I am really writing for is this war in Viet Nam, I know your doing the best you can and I admire you for that but what really shocked me is I just found out my cousin got killed in Viet Nam and I was wondering if there's any faster way to get this war finished, and I have a brother over there and I pray to God to be with him and bring him back safe.

I'm no mother or any thing but I love him very much and we ~~won't~~ want him back safe.

This letter might not help but at least I'll try.

I know you have a son-in-law over there and I know how you feel.

But Mr. President isn't there some

way for ending this war and bring
back all the boys while they are a live.

If someone burned a piece of paper
you can always get another one but if one
gets killed then you can't get another life.

Like I said it's a sad moment
to write but when other mothers get
letters from the service telling them there
sons lost there life then it's a sad
moment for them also.

Mr President I know your busy so
I will let you go.

Thank you.

yours truly,
Miss Linda Ricky

6190 S.E. 19th
Des Moines, Ia

50320.

GENERAL

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JL 3/Kennedy, Robert F.
PRG-1/8 *

June 12, 1968

Dear Kevin:

President Johnson is glad that you wrote to him at this time. He, too, was deeply saddened by the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The President asked me to tell you, Kevin, that he is doing everything he possibly can to put an end to lawlessness and violence in our country.

The President is sorry to hear about Tom's injury and hopes that his hand soon will be totally healed. He understands your loneliness for Tom who is serving the cause of freedom far from home and hopes that you will be brave and patient. The President is working very hard for an honorable peace so that our servicemen in Viet-Nam can return to their loved ones.

The enclosed photograph comes to you with the President's warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

x *
Kevin Dunn
13088 Nicholes Road
Burt, Michigan 48417

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*JFK 3/Kennedy
Capt. S.*

June 12, 1968

Dear Airman Caplan:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for giving him your thoughts on matters of critical concern to every American. He is very much aware of the effect that the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and recent events in some of our cities may have on you who are stationed on foreign shores. In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

The President wants you to know that as you and your comrades serve the Nation's cause in other lands, he and his advisers are working tirelessly for peace, unity, and security. It is his earnest hope that every citizen will join in his determination to make this truly a land of greatness for all.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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A1C David H. Caplan
Box 1974
7310 ABGP
USAFE
APO New York 09057

Enclosures: 6/5/68, Stmt of Pres. on shooting of RFK; 6/6/68, Rmks of Pres. re Death of RFK.

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June 12, 1968

Dear Students:

Your letters have been received and will be brought to President Johnson's attention. Meanwhile, I want to thank you on his behalf for your interest in commenting on the Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Students of Mrs. Panttaja's Seventh
Grade Class
X Vacation Bible School
153-A Wing Road
APO, New York 09845

Enclosure: RMs of P re Gun Legislation, 6/6/68.

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*JH 3/Kennedy,
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June 12, 1968

Dear Miss Gilmore:

The President mourns with the nation the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

Your letter, however, is a heartening reminder that America's youth keenly appreciates the value of freedom -- and is sufficiently motivated to voice its concerns. So long as young people continue to have this will to seek truth, to recognize and assume the responsibilities of citizenship, we can persevere toward our goal of a world where all men may live in dignity, equality, and peace.

Right now . . . school is your most important step. Study hard and learn all you can. Much of our hope for the future lies in education and understanding.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Miss Gillie Sue Gilmore
1128 Hillsboro Drive
East Gadsden, Alabama 35903

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Garrison's Letter
June 6, 1968

Gadsden, Ala.

Dear President Johnson,

I know that you are a very busy man, so I will try and be brief. The reason that I am writing you is to express my opinion about one problem I think that the United States has. First of all I want to tell you that I am only sixteen years old and an American citizen. I feel that everyone has a right to express their opinion about their country, good or bad. So I would like to express mine.

I think that the United States is the most wonderful country of all. If I was given a choice to live here or abroad, I would choose the United States. Why? Because the United States has so much to offer... to everyone. To me the United States stands for happiness, freedom, challenge, and most of all love. No matter who comes to our country, we welcome them and make them part of our big family. I know that the United States isn't perfect. We have our faults just

like any other country. But President Johnson, I think that the United States has a terrible problem. It isn't rioting or having demonstrations, it is that if we don't like our president, senators, govenors, or just any one person in general, what do we do? We assasinate them. As you know by the date of this letter, I am writing this on the day of the attempted assasination of Senator Robert Kennedy. At this moment, Senator Kennedy lies in critical condition in Los Angles. If I could be permitted to ask the assasinators one question it would be why. Why does he want to kill Senator Kennedy? Mr. President I think that killing(or even having the desire to kill) is about the lowest thing that a person can do. To me, to take and destroy a persons life is an unforgivable sin. Some people say that they could do anything for money. But I ~~couldn't~~ I know that if there were something that you could do about it, you would do it.

Please don't get me wrong Mr. President, I love my country and I will fight for it. I will never deny my country and I will never be afraid to uphold it.

Whenever I say the Pledge of Alliegence, I think how lucky I am to be an American citizen and that I am able to say our pledge to our American flag instead of a Communist flag. If I ever travel abroad and someone asks me where I am from, with pride I will say, " I'm an AMERICAN!"

Thank you for your time,

miss Gillie Sue Gilmore

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy
Capt. G.

June 12, 1968

JL3

Dear Mrs. McKinley:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Your interest in letting him have your comments and suggestions is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

The President mourns with the nation -- and with countless millions around the world -- the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

With the President's gratitude for your thoughtfulness,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Joe McKinley
1127 Curtin
Houston, Texas 77018

Enclosure: 6/6/68 Proclamation

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1127 Curtin
Houston Texas

Dear President Johnson:

Sitting here,
listening to the reports on
Senator Kennedy's condition,
my heart is filled with
rage, that this United States,
a large, and until the
past few years, a compassionate
country, has become one
of hate, jealousy, fear,
and unbalanced minds,
ready to kill, in a fit
of temper, or dislike.

Ours is a sick society.
a dangerous society!
What is happening to it!?

The very man, who
might have cured this
sickness, or perhaps
taught us to love each
other instead of hate our

fellows men, lies critically
ill; the victim of a mad
mass whim —

Yet, Capital Punishment
is to be abolished! —
Are we going to let men,
such as these, go to prison
for a few years, then set
free? —

So many people
disliked the Kennedy,
because of their wealth,
why? — You are wealthy
too! — Bobby could not
more keep his heritage
than you, or I. He is a
good man. I sit here & pray,
that God will spare him,
for I believe in him, &
knew he stands for.

And I pray that you,
and the Congress men,
who most of us admit,

should be replaced by
young men, men who
have children coming
up in this world —
Certainly, this world
is due for a change, a
big change. I advise
you for not running
again. This war is
a senseless thing.

When is the United States
going to stay at home,
take care of her own
people, and keep out
of the affairs of other
countries? — All they
want, is our money,
then they turn against
us.

In the meantime,
we, the middle men,
are taxed & taxed, with
no salary raises, — in

order to keep other countries?
It is fair, it is wrong!

No wonder we have
such hate, such
madness!

Please, you, I share
in Congress, think more
of our country, & our
people, and let other
countries, take care of
their own! —

And I pray to God,
that all the criticism
of Bobby Kennedy, which
suddenly triggered this
sick man, will teach
our people a lesson.
Hate, breeds hate —

I pray for Bobby's
recovery, I pray for his
family, Only God can save
our country. The sooner

we realize this, the
sooner Peace will
come, no talks, no
politics, can save us.
We are lost, without
God, and we have
put him second, third,
and even fourth, in
our minds and hearts.

I pray Bobby will
recover, I he able to go
on, with his beliefs -
We need his strength -

In this hour of tragedy,
I had to speak out -

Bless you, in your
remaining months as our
leader -

Cordially,
Mrs. Joe McKinley

June 12, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 5

*JFK/Kennedy
Capt. Fr.*

Dear Mr. Sutton:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Charles J. Sutton
2500 - A Manhattan Avenue
Manhattan Beach, California 90266

SM:MS

June 12, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 21

*JK 3/Kennedy,
L.H. F.*

Dear Mr. Poverman:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your telegram at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Marion F. Poverman
573 Centre Street
Newton, Massachusetts

WS:ms

June 12, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 47

*J. F. Kennedy
Capt. Fr.*

Dear Mr. Muckey:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your telegram at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. D. Muckey
2728 36th, SW.
Seattle, Washington

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June 12, 1968

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SP 3-236/ST 33

*JK3/Kennedy,
Capt. F.*

Dear Mrs. Mason:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your telegram at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Charlotte P. Mason
2500 Markham Court
Charlotte, North Carolina

MW:ms

June 12, 1968

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SP 3-236/ST 38

*JFK/Kennedy
Lett. F.*

Dear Mr. Dorn:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your telegram at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. F. David Dorn
132 Cynwyd Road
Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania

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SL 3/Kennedy,

Robert F.

Allar, Thomas D.

June 12, 1968

Dear Mrs. Allar:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing, and for your kind personal remarks.

The President mourns with the nation the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

As he shares your belief in our country's strength, President Johnson joins in pride for your son, his accomplishments, and his willingness to defend the heritage all of us cherish. He has asked me to convey to Tom, through you, the gratitude and admiration our servicemen so richly deserve.

With the President's warm good wishes and the pledge of his untiring efforts for peace,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Mary Allar
10 South Seventh Street
Pottsville, Pennsylvania 17901

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SLB/Kennedy
Robert F.
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June 12, 1968

Dear Jimmy:

President Johnson is glad that you wrote to him at this time of terrible sorrow. He, too, was deeply saddened by the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The President asked me to tell you that he is very proud of our courageous servicemen who, like your brother, bear the hardships of defending freedom in Viet-Nam. He and his advisers are working very hard to bring the war to an end so our men can return to their loved ones.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Jimmy Freng
21621 Anza
Torrance, California 90503

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June 5, 1968

Dear President Johnson,

My name is Jimmy Frenq,
I am 13 years old and I go to
Anya School in Torrance, Calif.

I think you are a good
President. I just feel awful
about Senator Robert Kennedy.

I think that we should
bring our troops down from
Viet Nam, and get the violence
out of our own country before
we even attempt to fight other
countries.

My father was in World
War II for 3 years and my
grandfather was injured in
France in World War I. I
have 3 other brothers.

My oldest brother over
in Viet Nam fighting.

over →

June 2, 1968

we want him to come home
unharmed.

very respectfully yours,

Jimmy Freng

⊕ Jimmy Freng

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

To: The Attorney General

Date: June 12, 1968

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☐ Draft reply for:
☐ President's signature.
☐ Undersigned's signature.
- ☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- ☒ Direct reply.
☐ Furnish information copy.
- ☐ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
☐ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- ☐ For your information.
- ☐ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

Description:

Letter: ☒ Telegram: Other: ☐

To: The President
From: Shelly Winters, Pasadena, California
Date: 6/5/68
Subject: Urging that President make the protection of the assailant of Robert F. Kennedy a national matter and not one for the city or state alone.

By direction of the President:

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Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR PRESIDENT AS YOU KNOW I HAVE WORKED VERY HARD AS DEDICATED
DEMOCRAT ALL MY ADULT LIFE AND I URGE YOU TO MAKE THE PROTECTION
OF THE ASSAILANT OF ROBERT KENNEDY A NATIONAL MATTER AND NOT A
CITY OR STATE CONCERN. IN OUR SHOCK AND HORROR THE INVESTIGATION
OF THIS TRAGEDY MAKES US ALL FEAR FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR DEMOCRATIC
INSTITUTIONS OF OUR COUNTRY AND ABOVE ALL OUR POLITICAL

CONSIDERATIONS. SINCERELY
SHELLY WINTERS.

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June 12, 1968

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JL3/King, M.L.
SP 3-236/ST 27

Dear Mrs. Hoffman:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President, asking that the memorial cross be placed on the grave of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy. This tribute and card are being forwarded to Mrs. Kennedy; the similar envelope for Mrs. King is being sent to her Atlanta address. I know they will both be grateful for your thoughtful remembrances of their husbands.

The sentiments expressed in your message are also appreciated by the President, especially now as he continues his efforts toward a just and honorable peace in Vietnam.

With his best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

Mrs. Ethel I. Hoffman
309 1/2 Douglas Street
O'Neill, Nebraska 68763

cc: Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy
Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Sender request's that encl. wreath be
forwarded to Mrs. Robt. Kennedy for
her husbands grave.

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Your Honner

Mr. S. B. J.

It has been a long time
since I had written to you
I had sent you two poems
The Shield of God and
Behold it come quickly.
I had sent you a
wreath for Mrs. John
Kennedy for which I was
greatful for you giving
her the wreath.

Would you please give
The Mrs. Robert Kennedy.
This Cross for Mrs. Robert
Kennedy. Sincerely

Mrs. Ethel J. Hoffman
309 1/2 Douglas st.

O'Neil Nebr.

68763.

P.S. I work here in
O'Neil and go home
weekends to Stuart, Nebr.
over please. cards are
in box to Mrs. King & Mrs. Kennedy

I. we must weed out
somhow with the
help of Almighty
God, Communism
in our land to abolish
those away from the
land we love so much
if people like communism
so well they should be
ousted out of our land
of the free, the home
of the brave.

Our Boys are fighting
against communist
we must get rid of
communism, of their
hate, and their belief
of the theory of God is
dead. We Must Get
Back To God in
Government & our
Land for Freedom.

Be of Good Courage
I have over come the
world said Jesus Christ.
If you know intend to turn for Jesus
I will tell no one.

I want to see the help of God
to do for you.

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O^c Neil Nebr.
June 7 - 68.
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your Honor
Mr. President.

a Note of Courage to you.
I will miss voting for you
and ~~miss~~ you as our
President, I believe in
all that you believe in,
and our Will is most
certainly being tried,
but we as one Nation
have to turn back to
God and He will give
us the freedom,
The United States as
one Nation was and
should remain as a
Christian Nation unless
men Repent there will
be no Peace in our
Land The Races must
shake hands in
Brotherhood & Love
one another as I have

I loved you Jesus Christ
said. May God in
His Mercy Give you
The Wisdom, Power
and courage to
carry on is my
Prayer. Wish you
were running for
President I Believe
in you ^{why because}
^{you are of God and a}
^{godly person.}
I write Christian
Poems & Articles
for our Ministers
around here.

1. Stand up and be
counted
2. Be Free.
3. organization without
God.
4. When This world
turns you down

3. and others.

I am making a
Poster for our
church, called
Christ for the

Nations
We must get Back
To God - Then
all will be alright
because God is
Love.

Take good care of
yourself + family
God Bless all
of you.

Sincerely

Mrs. Ethel D.

Hoffman

309 1/2 Douglas St
68763 - Omaha, Neb.

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will you
be running
for President?

Next Move.

if you do you

can count on

me. God Bless

you.

I'll send a card

to Mrs. Kennedy

and also to Mr.

King through

you if work

from 10.00 PM to

6.00 AM.

I will try to write

some more letters

to you because you

need the courage

to come from the

United People of the

good U.S.A. God bless

GENERAL

ND19/C0312/ND9

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 12, 1968

Dear Mrs. Bellizzi:

President Johnson has asked me to reply to your letter. He appreciates the deep concern which prompted your comments at this time. Asking young men to go into battle, in the President's words, "is the most agonizing and painful duty of my office."

There are no easy solutions to the challenges we face in Viet-Nam, nor to the problems that confront us at home, but they can be overcome when our minds and our determination are put to the task.

You have the President's prayers and the pledge of his untiring efforts toward peace in Viet-Nam and unity at home. We pray that they may succeed.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Mary Bellizzi
341 Miravalle Avenue
Mountain View, California 94040

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GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy,
Robert F.
ND19/CO 312/ND9

June 12, 1968

Dear Sergeant Alley:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for writing at this time of terrible sorrow. He mourns with the nation -- and with countless millions around the world -- the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

There are no easy solutions to the challenges which confront us today. But they can be overcome when our hearts and our minds and our determination are put to the task. The image of America which you cherish will not fade. Nor will its people despair. Exercising the rights of citizenship in our beloved country guarantee that America will always represent the ideals for which it was established.

You and those who serve with you have the President's gratitude, his warm good wishes, and the pledge of his untiring efforts for peace.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Sgt. Thomas T. Alley, Jr., USA
RA 12808859
Company C, 87th Infantry
92d Military Police Battalion
APO San Francisco 96307

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SGT. THOMAS T. ALLEY JR.
United States Army RA12808459
Company C, 87th Infantry
92d Military Police Battalion
APO San Francisco 96307

President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing this letter in regards to the tragic incident which occurred this afternoon, June 6, 1968, four o'clock P.M. (Republic of Vietnam time). It concerns the attempted assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and the other individuals who were wounded in this incident. I've served about eleven and one half months in the Republic of Vietnam and I'm due to rotate back to the United States around the 24th of this month. I'm certainly looking forward to returning to my home in Albemarle, North Carolina and taking my leave with my family, girlfriend, and friends. The bad thing is, I don't know whether this is the same United States of America I left one year ago. It seems that all the Protesters, Rioters, and "Hippies" have turned it into a very "short tempered country" where someone is always trying to take advantage of his fellow man. This is not the opinion of myself only, but of the majority of the men I have served with in Vietnam.

I am stationed at Tan Son Nhut, Vietnam which is located just on the outskirts of Saigon close to the Tan Son Nhut Air Force Base. Many people refer to us as the "Saigon Warriors" or at least they did until the Tet Offensive this past January. I'm a "Saigon Warrior" and proud to be one because I know we did our share just as much as the next man. The United States Army is one of the biggest organization in the world and it requires men and women to serve in every job and location they occupy. Someone had to be a "Saigon Warrior" and we happened to be the ones. We also feel that all the other servicemen (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and etc.) are also doing their share and doing it in a very outstanding manner. I'm not referring to the big debate on whether or not we should be here, but I'm saying that we're proud to be here and we'll stay as long as the United States of America wants us to. We try to think that we have them behind us all the way, but with everything that is happening back there, it makes us wonder more than often. Sir, you're our boss and we'll follow you 100% in your policys on Vietnam, but we just can't go along with some of the people back there that call themselves American citizens. I definitely feel that it's only a small majority that I'm speaking of, but that majority seems to be growing every time I pick up the paper and read about War Demonstrations and such. WHY Sir, is all we're asking. Why do some people have to be like that when we're over here giving part of our lives to defend them so they can have a more peaceful nation and a better world to live in.

Sir, I turned twenty one years of age on the 19th of April this year. I'm old enough to vote in the Presidential Election this year for the first time, but after the terrible event that took place today, I'm not sure

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Fort Bragg, N.C.
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President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing this letter in regard to the tragic incident which occurred this afternoon, June 8, 1968, four o'clock P.M. (approximately Vietnam time). It concerns the attempted assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and the other individuals who were wounded in this incident. I've served about eleven and one half years in the Republic of Vietnam and I'm due to rotate back to the United States around the 24th of this month. I'm certainly looking forward to returning to my home in Alabama, North Carolina and taking my leave with my family, girlfriend, and friends. The sad thing is, I don't know whether this is the same United States of America I left one year ago. It seems that all the protesters, rioters, and "hippies" have turned it into a very "loose" country where someone is always trying to take advantage of his fellow man. This is not the opinion of myself only, but of the majority of the men I have served with in Vietnam.

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whether I want to vote or not. I don't know why it happened, but I'm trying to keep myself from believing that it happened just because of politics themself. No offense to you Sir, but in a way I've always thought of "Big Time" politics as being dirty and if they get that dirty to where a human being is shot down just so he won't win, then I don't want any part of it. If this be the case, I don't want to ever vote. I realize that this is a way out type of explanation, but this is what I feel and I just can't change it.

Sir, I realize that you probably get bundles and bundles of letters similar to this one every day and you'll probably never even know this one existed, but I did want to write and let someone know that we who are serving in Vietnam do have feelings and very deep ones at that. The way some of the people are letting us down is reflected in our feelings every day. We also have feelings for the ones who are behind us, and we, as soldiers, salute them for being the kind of American Citizens we ourselves hope to be some day. These are the people who we are defending and we'll give our lives, if necessary, to see that these people have a better world to live in.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas T. Alley Jr.

SGT. THOMAS T. ALLEY JR.
United States Army RA12808459
Company C, 87th Infantry
92d Military Police Battalion
APO San Francisco 96307

P.S. Sir, I'm a Caucasian, but this really doesn't make any difference because of Race or Creed, All Men are Created Equal, and we, who are serving in the Republic of Vietnam, regardless of what some of the people back there think, honor this in every way.

GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy
Robert F.

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HO/National Day
of Mourning

June 12, 1968

Dear Mr. Johnson:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your telegram at this time of terrible sorrow. It was good of you to let him have the copy of your proposed petition, and he is grateful for your willingness to be of service.

In this connection, you may want to read the text of the President's message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

^x
Mr. James W. Johnson
60 Clearview Drive
New Shrewsbury, New Jersey

Enclosure: P's ltr of 6/6 to Spkr of House and Pres. of Senate.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA HEREBY PROCLAIM OUR FAITH IN OUR NATION AS A LAND
OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. WE ABHOR ALL INDIVIDUAL AND
GROUP ACTS OF VIOLENCE TO REMEDY GRIEVANCES AND INJUSTICE.

WE THEREFORE PLEDGE OUR ENERGIES AND ACTIONS AS FOLLOWS:
OUR SUPPORT ALL LAWFULLY CONSTITUTED LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL

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LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO TAKE RESPONSIBLE ACTIONS IN OUR
BEHALF TO ENFORCE WITH EQUAL JUSTICE, THE CONSTITUTIONS AND
LAWS OF OUR COUNTRY FOR OUR COMMON PROTECTION. WE ENCOURAGE
ALL FELLOW CITIZENS TO OBSERVE SUNDAY JUNE 8, 1968 THE DAY
PROCLAIMED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
AS A NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING, FOR THE LATE SENATOR ROBERT
F KENNEDY, AS THE DAY WE BEGIN TO PROVE OUR DEDICATION. WE
WHO HAVE REGISTERED WEAPONS WILL THEN DEPOSIT OUR WEAPONS IN
BINS AT THE DOORS OF OUR CHURCHES, TEMPLES AND HOUSES OF WORSHIP
FOR COLLECTION AND HOLDING BY OUR LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES.

WE WHO HAVE UNREGISTERED WEAPONS WILL DROP THEM FOR DISPOSITION
BY LEGAL AUTHORITIES WE WILL PETITION OUR LOCAL, STATE AND
NATIONAL LEGISLATURES TO PROMPTLY LEGISLATE NEW STRONG GUN
CONTROL LAWS THAT WILL REQUIRE ALL PRESENTLY LICENSED AS WELL
AS FUTURE APPLICANTS FOR GUNS OF ALL TYPES TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE
NEED, EMOTIONAL MATURITY, AND A HISTORY OF PRIOR LAW ABIDING
3 CONDUCT TO QUALIFY FOR THIS PRIVILEGE. WE MAKE THESE RESOLUTIONS,
VOLUNTARILY AND PROPOSE TO TAKE THESE ACTIONS TO PROVE OUR
FAITH IN OUR GOD, OUR NATION AND OURSELVES. AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN
2 OF THESE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I HEREBY ENLIST YOUR SUPPORT

TO THE FOLLOWING PETITION: WHICH I HAVE DRAWN AND HAVE DISPATCHED
TO A NUMBER OF RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY OF
OURS: I AM WILLING TO VOLUNTEER MY SERVICES TO CONTRIBUTE TO
MAKING SEN. KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION, A LIFE NOT OFFERED IN VAIN.
WILL YOU EXPRESS YOUR FAITH IN THIS REGARD

¹
Mr. JAMES WILLIAM JOHNSON ² (60 CLEARVIEW DRIVE ³ NEW SHREWSBURY NJER)
TEL 201-741-9231.

GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

June 12, 1968

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(Minneapolis)

Dear Jerilyn:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Jerilyn Jacobson
1371 53rd Avenue, NE.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55421

Enclosure (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate)

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Dear Jerilyn:

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June 6

Dear Prestend Johnson,

Hi! How are you? I am find. I am deaf.

All people was very sad, because the man shot
Rorde Kenny. I want you will go to Californian, Los Ana

Will you talk all people stop shoot.

Rorde Kenny dded. I am sad. I love Rorde Kenny.
Did you sad? If you will come to Minneapolis

Write to me.

Love,

JERI JACOBSON

JERILYN JACOBSON

1371 53rd Ave, NE

Minneapolis, Minn. 55421

GENERAL

LE/SL 3
SL 3/Kennedy
Robert F.

June 12, 1968

Dear Mr. Key:

Your telegram has been received and will be brought to the President's attention. Meanwhile, I want to thank you on his behalf for your prayers at this time of tragedy -- and for your willingness to serve. Perhaps you may wish to make your views known to those who represent you in the Congress.

The enclosed copies of the President's calls for reason and unity may be of interest to you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Wayne J. Key
108 William Street
Warner Robins, Georgia

Enclosures: 6/5/68, Stmt of Pres on shooting of RFK; 6/6/68, Rmks of Pres. concerning death of RFK.

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cc/

GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy, Robert F.
Graham, Billy

June 12, 1968

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dean:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your telegram and thank you for your interest in wiring.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Ancil Dean
130 North Arcadia Park
Lexington, Kentucky

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Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE NEED IS GREAT FOR A VOICE AT THIS TIME. WE SUGGEST DOCTOR BILLY
GRAHAM

³ MR AND MRS ANCIL DEAN / 130 NORTH ARCADIA PARK.

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GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 12, 1968

Dear Albert:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing following his speech.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Albert W. Johnson, Jr.
25 Frontenac Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14216

Enclosure: Statement re the Shooting of RFK, 6/5/68.

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25 Frontenac Ave
Buffalo New York
June 6, 1968

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Encl: Statement re the shooting of RFK, 6/5/68

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Dear Albert:

I am a fourteen year old boy hoping someday to be a senator. Here in Buffalo, New York we feel we have lost a great man. The best we ever had, and would have made a tremendous president. I listened to your speak last night and thought it was outstanding. I personally want to congratulate you on a spellbound and stirring speak. You must have thought alot of the Kennedys. If you have the time would you please send me back a letter, I want to prove to my friends I wrote to you.

Sincerely Yours,
Albert W. Johnson Jr.

GENERAL

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JH 3/Kennedy
Capt. F.

June 12, 1968

Dear Miss Gelcich:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Josephine Gelcich
55 Henry Avenue
Harrison, New York 10520

Enclosure: (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate)

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GENERAL

LE/PH 3
PH 3/Kennedy
Robert F.

June 12, 1968

Dear Miss Ring:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Christine L. Ring
14 Sherwood Drive
Huntington, New York 11743

Enclosure: (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate)

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F
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June 12, 1968

Dear Mrs. Davis:

The President asked me to thank you for your telegram. He was grateful to know of your concern at this time.

In view of your interest, I am sending you the enclosed releases.

With the President's gratitude for your prayers, and with his best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Eudora Davis
4158 37th Street
San Diego, California

Enclosures: Rel of 6/6/68, P's remarks concerning death of RFK; Rel of 6/6/68, P's remarks on Gun Control Legis.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MR PRESIDENT. RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOU CALL NATIONAL HOUR OF
PRAYER FOR SENATOR KENNEDYS COMPLETE RECOVERY. DR POOL NEURO
3 SURGEON COLUMBIA U STATED RECOVERY POSSIBLE "BUT WOULD BE MIRACLE"
HAVE WRITTEN ALL REPRESENTATIVES URGING PROMPT GUN CONTROL
ACTION SINCE DR KING SHOT. CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR YOU AND FAMILY
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MRS EUDORA DAVIS/RN 4158 37TH ST.

San Diego, Calif

GENERAL

LE/JH3
JH3/Kennedy,
Capt. F.

June 11, 1968

Dear Mr. Lowenberg:

Thank you for sending the broadcast editorial of June 6, 1968. It was passed along to those particularly concerned with staff studies of this topic.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Fleming
Deputy Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. James R. Lowenberg
Vice President/General Manager
KRCB
Post Office Box 586
Council Bluffs, Iowa

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GENERAL

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NAME Mr. James M. Moler
ORGANIZATION Pres Kiviries
Int'l. re. Kennedy
assassination

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FINAL ACTION Ltr. fr. Mr. Moler
re Crime & his interest
in the Commission
on Causes & Prevention

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GENERAL
JL3/KENNEDY, R.F.

June 11, 1968

Dear Mrs. Meehan:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your telegram at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. T. T. Meehan
3620 Clifford Drive
Metairie, Louisiana

Enclosure: (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate)

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Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

I AM ASHAMED OF MY COUNTRY. MISTER JOHNSON YOU MUST DO SOMETHING
TO STOP THE MADNESS SWEEPING OVER THIS COUNTRY. YOU MUST RESTRICT
THE SALE OF GUNS. THE CIVIL DISOBEDIENCES IN CITIES AND CAMPUSES
MUST STOP. ORDER MUST BE RESTORED TO THIS COUNTRY

MRS T T MEEHAN / 3620 CLIFFORD DR / METAIRIE LA.

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GENERAL

June 11, 1968

JL3/Kennedy
Sgt. L.
PR15-7

Dear Sergeant and Mrs. Stanford:

The President thanks you for your letter of June 5th about his Address to the Nation that evening. He very much appreciates your thoughtfulness in taking the time to write as you did -- the letters, like yours, which he has received are very gratifying. He is especially grateful for your assurances of goodwill to all your fellowmen.

The President is grateful to you, too, for extending an open invitation to him to visit the South Fifth and Highland Church of Christ whenever he is in Abilene, and this will be remembered by him.

With the President best wishes to you,

Sincerely,

James R. Jones
Special Assistant
to the President

Sgt. and Mrs. Carl B. Stanford, Jr.
1202 Buccaneer Drive
Abilene, Texas 79605

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5 June 68
Albino, Texas

Dear Mr. President:

I know you get an awful
lot of criticism and very little
praise, but this is one time
I'd like to take the time
to fulfill a good intention.

We heard your plea tonight
for this nation to return to
a sane, law-abiding life -
and we "amen-ed" everything
you said. If we would
only have enough backbone
to stand up for what's right,
to love one another sincerely
as Christ commanded, how
much greater our home,
America, would be.

We believe you've
started us on
the right track.
We believe the
morally-upright
Americans are



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tired enough of lawlessness
and violence that they're
ready to do something about
it. We're going to start by
showing more love and
Christian concern toward our
fellowman — no matter what
the race.

Thank you for working so
hard and for being so con-
cerned. If you ever have
opportunity to be in Abilene
visit with us at the South
Fifth and Highland Church of
Christ.

Most sincerely,
Sgt. & Mrs. Carl B. Stanford Jr.
1202 Quincewood Drive
Abilene, Texas 79605



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JL3/Kennedy, Robt. F.
FG 135

June 11, 1968

Dear Senator:

*only 1 attached
as of 6/11/68*
The President was most appreciative of your letters of June 8 and has asked me to thank you for your fine recommendation of the Attorney General. He was also grateful for your kind words about his statement of June 6.

Your support in these troublesome times is most heartening.

Sincerely,

Mike Manatos
Administrative Assistant
to the President

Honorable Ralph W. Yarborough^x
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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RALPH W. YARBOROUGH
UNITED STATES SENATE

460 Senate Office Building
June 8, 1968

Honorable Lyndon Johnson
The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

MM
Your touching and dramatic appeal on the night of Thursday, June 6, following the death of Senator Robert Kennedy at the hands of an assassin, for a real gun control law with teeth in it, was the most appealing, convincing speech that I have ever heard you make.

There was pathos and sincerity in it that nothing could conceal. It was genuine and from the heart, beautifully delivered.

It made me glad that I had voted in the Senate for a better bill. However unpopular it may be in Texas, political assassinations must stop in America.

Thank you, as a Senator, a citizen, a Texan, and an American, for this appeal which is certain to touch many hearts and minds in America into action at some time.

With sincere esteem,

Sincerely yours,

Ralph W. Yarborough

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RALPH W. JARBOUGH
UNITED STATES SENATE



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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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With sincere esteem,

Sincerely yours,

Ralph W. Jarbough

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JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.
FG 795

June 11, 1968

Dear Miss Dinsmore:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Virginia Dinsmore
Apartment J X
4760 County Line
San Jose, California

Enclosure: Stmt of 6/5 re shooting of Senator Kennedy

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

I NEITHER VOTED FOR YOU OR WOULD VOTE FOR SENATOR KENNEDY FOR
PRESIDENT BUT RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR AMERICA TO UNITE AGAINST
VIOLENCE CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR EXCELLENT SPEECH ANNOUNCING
THE EISENHOWER COMMISSION AND REMARKS TONIGHT REGARDING THE
ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

² Mrs VIRGINIA DINSMORE ³ (4760 COUNTY LN) ² (APT J) SAN JOSE.

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June 11, 1968

Dear Mr. Gideonse:

Your telegram has been received and will be brought to President Johnson's attention. Meanwhile, I want to thank you on his behalf for your interest in commenting on the legislation you mention.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Hendrik D. Gideonse
217A Tenth Street, Southeast
Washington, D. C.

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Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

AS MEMORIAL TO RFK RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST YOU DELAY FEDERAL PAY
INCREASE TO FUND GREAT SOCIETY PROGRAMS FULLY AND REFUSE TO
SIGN ANY FURTHER LEGISLATION UNTIL ADEQUATE GUN CONTROL BILL AND
ACCEPTABLE CRIME CONTROL MEASURES ARE PRESENTED TO YOU

HENDRIK D GIDEONSE 217A TENTH SE WASHDC.

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June 11, 1968

923/Kennedy,
Robert F.
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Robert F.

Dear Mrs. Dwyer:

The President mourns with the nation -- and
with countless millions around the world --
the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.
In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to
join hands and walk together through
this dark night of common anguish into
a new dawn of healing unity."

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

x
Mrs. Elizabeth Dwyer
2213A Floyd Avenue
Richmond, Virginia

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR THE KENNEDY FAMILY. I AM

SURE HE WOULD HAVE BEEN OUR NEXT PRESIDENT I HAVE FEARED MY HEART
FOR THE WORLD BECAUSE OF HIS DEATH, I PITY THE MAN THAT COMMITTED
THE CRIME I HOPE HE WILL BE WELL PUNISHED FOR THIS CRIME THIS

SHOULD BE DONE BECAUSE OF THE WORLD OF TODAY

MRS ELIZABETH DWYER/2213A FLOYD AVE.

GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert

June 11, 1968

Dear Mrs. Kent:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. The enclosed copies of some of his remarks and his letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate may be helpful to you. They come with the President's appreciation for your interest and his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Sylvia Kent
14 Newport Drive
Hewlett, New York 11557

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June 5, 1968

Dear Mr. President

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This evening as I sit in the
den of my lovely home, my teen-age daughter
asleep, as well as my husband, I am
wakeful and troubled, with many un-
answered questions.

How can we ^{help} ~~save~~ our country and our
people in these troubled times? How
can we be helped (I an average housewife)
against ourselves? Do we need a guide by
which to be re-educated? Does our
media (television) cause violence?

I feel the guilt as one individual
for all violence which exists to-day. Have
we learned to abuse the great freedom
for which this country stands? Perhaps
these questions are the same that all
good Americans are asking themselves to-night.
How can I as an average citizen and mother
start to-morrow, so ~~and~~ I can ~~help~~
myself and others, from these anxieties.

I would be grateful for your answers
as leader of the most wonderful country in
the world.

Sincerely
Mrs. Sylvia Kent
14 New York Drive, Hewlett, New York
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cc/

GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert

June 11, 1968

Dear Miss Faulkner:

The President mourns with the nation -- and
with countless millions around the world --
the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.
In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to
join hands and walk together through
this dark night of common anguish into
a new dawn of healing unity."

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Anne M. Faulkner
3507 North Front Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

PLEASE ASK THE NATION TO PRAY FOR THE RESTORATION OF BOBBY

KENNEDY IN CHRISTS NAME

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ANNE M FAULKNER/3507 NORTH FRONT ST.

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert
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June 11, 1968

Dear Mr. Long:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statements at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Charles J. Long
3535 Northwest 182 Place
Portland, Oregon

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

AFTER HEARING YOUR REMARKS ON TV REGARDING THE COMMUNIST INFLUX
IN OUR NATION, I WISH TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR STAND. IF
3 ONLY MORE OF OUR POLITICAL CIVIC LEADERS AND NEWS MEDIA WOULD
FOLLOW YOUR THOUGHTS, THIS COUNTRY WOULD BE A MUCH GREATER
PLACE TO LIVE. IT IS ABOUT TIME, THE AMERICAN PUBLIC BECOMES
2 AWARE OF THE INFLUENCE THE COMMUNISTS ARE INSTILLING IN OUR

YOUNGER GENERATION, WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF IT. DONT LET
UP ON THEM. WE ARE BEHIND YOU

WILLIAM N JONES PRESIDENT 1320 SOUTHWEST 17 ART CRAFT CO
PORTLAND OREGON

CHARLES J LONG 3535 NORTHWEST 182 PL PORTLAND OREGON. //

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert
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June 11, 1968

Dear Mr. Jones:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statements at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. William N. Jones
President
x Art Craft Company
1320 Southwest 17
Portland, Oregon

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1/11 (WILLIAM¹ N JONES⁵) (PRESIDENT²) (1320 SOUTHWEST⁴ 17) (ART CRAFT CO³) 11
(PORTLAND OREGON)
2/ (CHARLES¹ J LONG²) (3535 NORTHWEST 182 PL³) (PORTLAND OREGON.)

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GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy, Robert

June 11, 1968

Dear Mrs. White:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in wiring following his statement at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. A. W. White, Jr.
15224 Southeast Second Place
Bellevue, Washington

Enclosure: Stmt of 6/5 re shooting of Senator Kennedy.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THANK YOU FOR TONIGHTS COMMUNICATION TO US I WILL BEGIN TONIGHT

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(MRS A W WHITE JR) (15224 SOUTHEAST 2ND PLACE.)

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JW 3/Kennedy/Robert

June 11, 1968

Dear Mr. Conder:

The President asked me to thank you for your letter. He was grateful to know of your concern at this time.

In view of your interest, I am sending you the enclosed releases.

With the President's gratitude for your kind personal sentiments, and with his best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Carson Y. Conder
829-833 West Trade Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

Enclosures: Rel of 6/6/68, Proc for RFK Day of Mourning; and
Rel. of 6/10/68, Flag Day Proc for 1968 and National Flag Week.

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 11, 1968

Dear Mrs. Closson:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

In view of your interest, I am sending you the enclosed releases.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. D. Closson
1155 Montauk Lane
Ventura, California 93003

Enclosures: Rel. of 6/5/68, Pres.' statement of shooting of RFK;
Rel. 6/6/68, Pres.' remarks re death of RFK; Rel 10/7/67,
Prayer Proc.

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must turn to God - June 16, 1968

Dear Mr. President

Encls. Rel. of 6/5/68, P's statement on
shooting of RFK

Rel. of 6/6/68, P's remarks re death
of RFK

Rel. of 10/7/67, Prayer Proc.

The news of Senator
Robert F. Kennedy is

a terrible tragedy.

These shootings of
our great Americans
reflect so, on our
whole nation.

Why in God's
name are these
things happening
in "the land of
the free"?

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If truly important
men are shot so
needlessly, what's
going to happen
to their followers?

Need guns be
so plentiful? Can
anyone decided to
eliminate a human
life at random?

Mr. Johnson the
United States of
America is a
large "grazing
land" for all

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American "sheep".
If all of our
"shepards" are killed,
who will help
God in his work?
Who will lead us
on to better lives?
Who'll keep the
"wolves" away?

We have so far
to go before we
have a truly
free nation. Will
we achieve that
or will we all

perish?

We must all work
with God. Not only
for ourselves, but
for our children and
their future.

May God give
us all strength
to continue in
our battle for
love, peace and
freedom.

MRS. D. CLOSSON
Mrs. D. Closson
1155 MONTAUK
1155 Montauk Lane
Ventura, Calif. 93003
age 18

OF/

GENERAL

JL 3/10: KENNEDY
R.F. 1/

June 11, 1968

Dear Mr. Clements:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your telegram at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Morrison^X Clements
6280 Chalet Drive
Los Angeles, California

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Enclosure: (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate)

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE USE OF FIRE ARMS OF ANY STYLE HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE ANSWER TO A
PROBLEM IN THIS COUNTRY. WE HAVE SHOT AND KILLED THOSE WHO SPEAK
OUT AGAINST US AND SEEM TO BE DOING SO AT A HORRIBLY INCREASING
RATE.

THE N R A AND SOME SELF-STYLED PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS CLAIM THAT
WE HAVE A RIGHT TO OWN AND CARRY GUNS. THE GUN MFGRS AND SALES

FORM 8803 PRINTED BY THE STANDARD REGISTER COMPANY, U. S. A.

PEOPLE HAVE LOBBIED IN THE NAME OF "SPORT".

THE "RIGHT" TO KILL THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS COUNTRY AS A "SPORT"
MUST COME TO AN END. BEFORE WE HAVE ANOTHER LOSS OF A LEADER --
MAYBE YOURSELF -- STRONG AND EFFECTIVE LEGISLATION MUST BE
ENACTED.

STRICT REGISTRATIONS OF POSSESSION AND OWNERSHIP OF ALL FIREARMS
WITHIN THE UNITED STATES WOULD ONLY A START

MORRISON CLEMENTS / 6280 CHALET DRIVE / CITY OF COMMERCE, CALIF.

GENERAL

June 11, 1968

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Robert F.

Dear Mr. Gault:

Your letter has been received and will be brought to President Johnson's attention. Meanwhile, I want to thank you on his behalf for your interest in commenting on the legislation you mention.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

The Reverend Edwin S. Gault
Commack Methodist Church
486 Town Line Road
Commack, New York 11725

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GENERAL

June 11, 1968

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Dear Mr. Clark:

President Johnson asked me to acknowledge your letter. He appreciates your interest in letting him have your views in opposition to the legislation you mention.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Allen M. Clark
Ogilvy and Mather, Inc.
Two East 48th Street
New York, New York 10017

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JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 11, 1968

Dear Miss Walters:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your telegram at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Mahona Walters

Meridian, California

Enclosure: (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate)

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS LAST ASSASSINATION. I LIVE
IN A SMALL TOWN BUT MY HEART IS BROKEN. THERE IS NOTHING THAT
I CAN DO BY MYSELF. I NEED HELP. PLEASE, PLEASE, TELL ME WHAT
I CAN DO AS A BROKEN HEARTED PERSON TO HELP. I CAN ONLY CRY SO MUCH

Miss MAHONA WALTERS.

OF/

GENERAL ①
JL3/KENNEDY, R.F.
JL 3

June 11, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoey:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your telegram at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Russ^X Hoey
701 South Willow
Tampa, Florida

Enclosure: (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate)

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

I REQUEST YOU GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO YOUR OVER RIDING
CONGRESS AND THE SUPREME COURT IF YOU DEEM NECESSARY IN MAKING
OUR COUNTRY SAFE BY PUTTING THE LAW BACK IN THE HANDS OF OUR
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE LAND NAMELY A GUN CONTROL
LAW AND GIVING THE POLICE OFFICERS MORE LATITUDE IN ENFORCING
THEIR DUTIES WHICH SINCE EARL WARREN BECAME CHIEF JUSTICE SEEMS

TO HAVE DETERIORATED TO THE RIDICULOUS. OUR POLICE OFFICERS
IN TAMPA ARE AFRAID TO ENFORCE THE LAWS AS THERE ARE TOO MANY
LOOP HOLES CRIMINALS ARE NOT BROUGHT TO JUSTICE. DRASTIC ACTION
IS NECESSARY AND CAN ONLY COME FROM YOUR OFFICE

[CITIZEN] RUSS HOEY / 701 SOUTH WILLOW.

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, R.F.

June 11, 1968

Dear Dr. Moeller:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter and for your thoughtfulness in writing. At this time of tragedy it was good to receive your kind comments and your own call for rededication to national principles.

You have the President's appreciation and his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Dr. Charles Moeller, Jr.
Vice-President-Economics
Metropolitan Life
One Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10010

Enclosure: 6/5 Statement re Senator Kennedy.

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Charles Moeller, Jr., Ph.D.
Vice-President - Economics

Metropolitan Life

One Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10010

The President
The White House
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

H I was impressed, in seeing and hearing your television address last night, by your immediate and strong response to the senseless shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. You indeed covered much ground in your relatively brief remarks.

However, what struck me most forcefully was your statement that it would be wrong to conclude from this lawless act that our country is sick, has lost its balance, sense of direction, or even its common decency. As you stress, 200 million people did not strike down the men mentioned.

Perhaps this part of your address impressed me most because I had said essentially the same thing in a talk in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel only four days before. A copy of this is enclosed -- the point of reference being included at the top of page 3.

As you can also see, from the introduction to the talk, this breakfast affair was to be a light, fun occasion. But, there also seemed to be an opportunity for a brief message of confidence and hope in solving some of the nation's very serious problems.

Realizing the many demands on your time, I at first hesitated to write to you. However, the thoughts that you expressed seemed so important regarding the future course of the country that I could not resist comment.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Charles Moeller Jr.

Vice President-
Economics

June 6, 1968

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WHITE HOUSE
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The President
The White House
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I was surprised, in reading and hearing your statement, to find that you had not mentioned the fact that the President's Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy was established by Executive Order on November 29, 1963.

However, what struck me most in reading your statement was that it would be wrong to conclude that the President and his country are not taking the necessary steps to ensure the integrity of the process. In fact, the President's Commission is a very important part of the process.

Because this part of your statement indicated to me that I had not seen the report of the President's Commission, I was surprised to find that the report of the President's Commission was not included in the report of the President's Commission.

As you can also see, from the information in the report, this is a very important part of the process. The President's Commission is a very important part of the process. The President's Commission is a very important part of the process.

Respecting the very nature of your statement, I am sure that you will find it very interesting. The President's Commission is a very important part of the process. The President's Commission is a very important part of the process.

Very truly yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

The President
The White House
Washington 25, D.C.

June 6, 1968

CONFIDENCE IN SOLVING THE NATION'S PROBLEMS*

Honored Clergy, Good Ladies, and Gentlemen:

Like so many ventures we men undertake, whether in relation to so fine an organization as the Catholic Business Women's Guild or otherwise, we receive our marching orders before proceeding. When your Chairman, Miss McPartland, invited me through my Secretary, Miss Brady, to be a speaker today, I was given my marching orders. I know you have all heard Mr. Fitzhugh's remark that, behind every man there is a woman, telling him that everything he does is wrong.

First, I was told to be brief, no longer than five minutes, because of your tight schedule. Second, no mention was to be made of Company business. Third, I was told not to use any statistics, since numbers tend to be dull and boring.

Well! The first condition seemed reasonable. Lincoln made a real impact in his Gettysburg address, which ran only a few minutes. The second order seemed OK, too. However, regarding the third: Although I am primarily a business man speaking to business women, I am also an economist by professional background, and when an economist is told that he cannot use statistics or charts he is completely disarmed. Physiologically, he is in a state of lockjaw. Nevertheless, I proceed undaunted.

During the past few months, I have been called upon to make talks that have taken me right out to the West Coast, and the topics have generally been closely allied, mainly, (1) The Economic and Financial Outlook, and (2) The Role of Private Capital in Rebuilding Our Cities. As you can see, these are not only related topics; they are also topics that deal with problems -- seemingly insurmountable at times.

* Remarks by Dr. Charles Moeller Jr., Vice President-Economics, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, at the Twenty-Ninth Annual Communion Breakfast of the Catholic Business Women's Guild, Grand Ballroom, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York, N.Y., June 1, 1968.

There is barely time this morning to mention the economic problems which face our nation: the current fiscal policy debate, with the administration and congressional tug-and-pull on the tax increase and a cut in government expenditures; the war in Vietnam, with peace talks in Paris, a besieged city itself; very serious inflation and international balance of payments deficits, threatening the value of the dollar at home and abroad; the current tight capital market situation, with a possible recurrence of the 1966 credit crunch; and very importantly the urban problem to be met in New York City and in every major city across the country -- the area, incidentally, to which the life insurance industry's current Billion Dollar investment program now so forcefully addresses itself.

Just as an aside, you will be interested to know that right now about half of that total sum has been committed or disbursed on housing and job creating investments in cities all over the country.

In the face of these many problems, is it any wonder that we call these troubled times? Often, there is a feeling that we are so far from solution that there is not even a recognition in many instances that there is a problem. No one can even begin to solve a problem if he does not know he has it.

My main point this morning is hardly to dwell upon national economic troubles or their solution. How could anyone even think of such a pessimistic subject while looking out at this sea of beautiful hats?

Rather, my message, if I may be so presumptuous as to have a message, is one of hope and confidence. Certainly these are troubled times, continually brought to our attention by every type of communications media -- the television, the newspapers, the radio, and the magazines.

However, by definition, it is the unique that makes a "good" news story. And I have every confidence that our economy, our society, is characterized, not by the actions of the few that we see, hear, and read so much about, but rather by the actions of the vast majority of the more than 200 million people in our nation today -- working and striving to raise our families with a knowledge of what is right and what is wrong.

This in no way means that we do not have full recognition and awareness of the pertinent philosophical developments that demand our attention. There are disturbing trends in this country which tend to seriously weaken the resolution and reaction of many Americans in their confrontation with life. To borrow an idea, instant everything and permissiveness are becoming the mood and temper of our time. Their adverse effects on national problems, and solutions to those problems, are so deep and widespread that they must be strongly resisted at the grass roots.

One means of offsetting these trends would be to revitalize two qualities, responsibility and discipline, which have been the difference between success and failure throughout history. The merits of and need for these qualities are vital in each area of society. What seems to be in order is to achieve their adoption and application more broadly throughout our nation -- in business relationships, family relationships, community affairs, news media, education, government, and the church. In fact, the greatest danger today is the man of goodwill with a closed mind, who neither sees nor accepts his changing responsibilities.

Remembering that there is nothing that the layman can do that the laywoman can't do, it is imperative that we keep involved and don't abdicate. In such a context, the role of the business woman, along with the business man, can truly be great in meeting with confidence the many challenges and problems that face us. Thank you.